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*Holiday 2011 Overview*

**Edited by Anne Kakley**

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• **Tree Lighting:** The Mattapoisett Tree Lighting will take place as a part of sixth annual Holiday in the Park on **December 3**, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at Shipyard Park. According to a press release sent from the North Pole, Santa will be making an appearance around 4:15 pm.

In addition to food, which will be offered by local restaurants for free, there will be ornament making and face-painting for children.

As a part of the festivities, the Mattapoisett Library will also be open for holiday fun, including a storytime and candy house craft-making from 10:30 am to noon.

Restrooms for the public will be available at the Town Hall and the library.

Please bring unwrapped gifts for children in need, and bring a canned good for the table under the tent.

Musical performances will include the Old Hammondtown Concert Band, the Old Hammondtown Chorus, the Occasion Singers, the Harpoon Harmonizers and Rick LeBlanc.

Additionally, Boy Scout Troop 53 will be selling wreaths and poinsettias and will be providing free hot chocolate and coffee at the Town Hall from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

The tree lighting will take place at dusk.

• **Caroling**: The Mattapoisett Historical Society is hosting an afternoon of Christmas Caroling on Sunday, **December 11** from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Families are invited to participate in an afternoon of old-fashioned caroling in Mattapoisett village. Meet other carolers at the Museum, 5 Church Street, at 2:00 pm.

• **Tinkhamtown Caroling**: The annual Tinkhamtown Chapel caroling event will be held on Saturday, **December 17** from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. The chapel is located at the end of Acushnet Road, near Long Plain Road. The chapel will be quaintly lit with oil lamps and heated with a potbelly stove. A goodwill offering will help with the chapel's upkeep.

• **St. Anthony's Christmas Fair:** St. Anthony's and



*On the far right, Mattapoisett resident Alicia Sullivan meets with volunteers in Newport, RI, last week, to send over 160 boxes of food and necessities to American troops stationed in Afghanistan. The goods were collected from municipal and business locations all over the Tri-Town. Photo courtesy of Alicia Sullivan.*

*'Tis the season, once more! On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 26, 2011, locals stopped by the Rochester Women's Clubhouse to pick up their fresh wreaths and trees. The proceeds from the sale helped the Rochester Women's Club purchase a new roof for their Clubhouse. The tree and wreath sale will continue on the weekends of December 3 and 4 and December 10 and 11 from noon to 2:00 pm. Left to right, Club members Nancy Boutin and Marsha Hartley helped sell wreaths and trees. Photo by Robert Chiarito.*



*Children kick-started the holiday season with a storytime and activities at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on November 26, 2011. Photos by Robert Chiarito.*

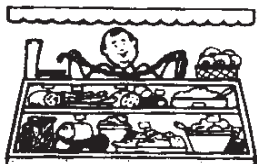
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**MARION**

• **Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting**: The annual Holiday Stroll in Marion village will take place on Sunday, **December 11** from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Santa will arrive at Barden's Boatyard at 3:00 pm to lead the parade throughout the village. The Sippican School band will provide holiday entertainment.

Village businesses will also open their doors to offer cookies, eggnog and a place to warm up. The parade will make its way to the Town House for the tree lighting. There will be lots of festivities and fun at the end of the route at Bicentennial Park.

Prior to the Stroll, the Tri-County Symphonic Band will be performing a Holiday Concert with the school choir at Sippican School, 16 Spring Street, at 1:30 pm.

• **House Tour**: The Sippican Woman's Club will present its 25th annual Holiday House Tour and Tea on Saturday, **December 10** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Proceeds from the Holliday House Tour are used for annual scholarship awards to area students. The tour begins at the club's Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street in Marion.


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• **Singalong**: A new addition to the Marion holiday tradition! A Quintet Quahog Christmas Singalong will take place at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, on Friday, **December 9** at 7:00 pm. $10 for adults, $5 for children 12 and over. Children under 12 are free.

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### Knights' Shrine Comes Out of Dark

**By Laura Fedak Pedulli**

For longtime Mattapoisett residents, the recent display of blue and white lights adorning the Wayside Shrine at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 may stir up some old memories.

That is because for the first time in more than 10 years, the shrine is lit up again, thanks to the efforts of one family to resurrect an old tradition.

When he was a boy, Mattapoisett resident Anthony Days spent every weekend after Thanksgiving with his father, Edward Days, decorating the shrine. Under the direction of craftsman Ray Fleurent, the shrine was built in 1960 – and as a member of the Knights of Columbus, his father spent 30 years decorating it.

"I remember no matter if it was snowing, raining, or if there were gale force winds, we'd be out there putting up the lights," Mr. Days. He said it was just "my

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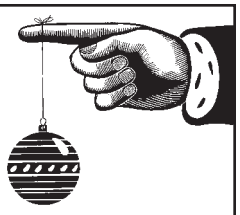
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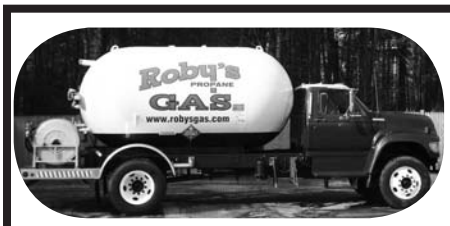
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father and I", although occasionally friends would come and help out.

"I was raised decorating it with my father until 1991. After that he passed away, and I continued with his grandchildren," he said. But the responsibilities of raising a young family and other distractions unceremoniously ended the longtime tradition – until this year.

"We just decided that with the 20th anniversary of him being gone – it would be appropriate to light it up again," Mr. Days explained. "It was great doing it for him."

The family also jumpstarted the tradition in honor of the original craftsman, Mr. Fleurent of Fairhaven, who passed away this year. Along with Mr. Days' father, he was among the group of Knights of Columbus members who was a part of its ceremonial opening in 1960. The younger Mr. Days recalls that that the group invited President John F. Kennedy to the opening, but received a letter from the White House declining the invitation.

On the Sunday afternoon after Thanksgiving this year, Mr. Days brought together his children, siblings and grandchildren to bring the shrine out of the dark again. This time, things were a bit different, he said.

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glass," Mr. Days said.

He also said long ago, you could see Buzzards Bay and the islands from on top of the shrine – but now the trees have all grown and obstructed the view.

Mr. Days' wife, Meredith, said the children were delighted to partake in the old tradition. "It was great!" She said people have been commenting on how they remember the shrine lit up in the past.

For now, the family hopes to illuminate the shrine in future years.

"We'll try to start the tradition again," Mr. Days said.

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## Women Minister in SouthCoast

**By Joan Hartnett-Barry**

The ladies are joining the leadership of the Congregational Churches in the Tri-Town area.

The First Congregational Church of Marion recently announced that the Reverend Sheila Rubdi was selected, out of 165 applicants, to serve as their settled pastor.

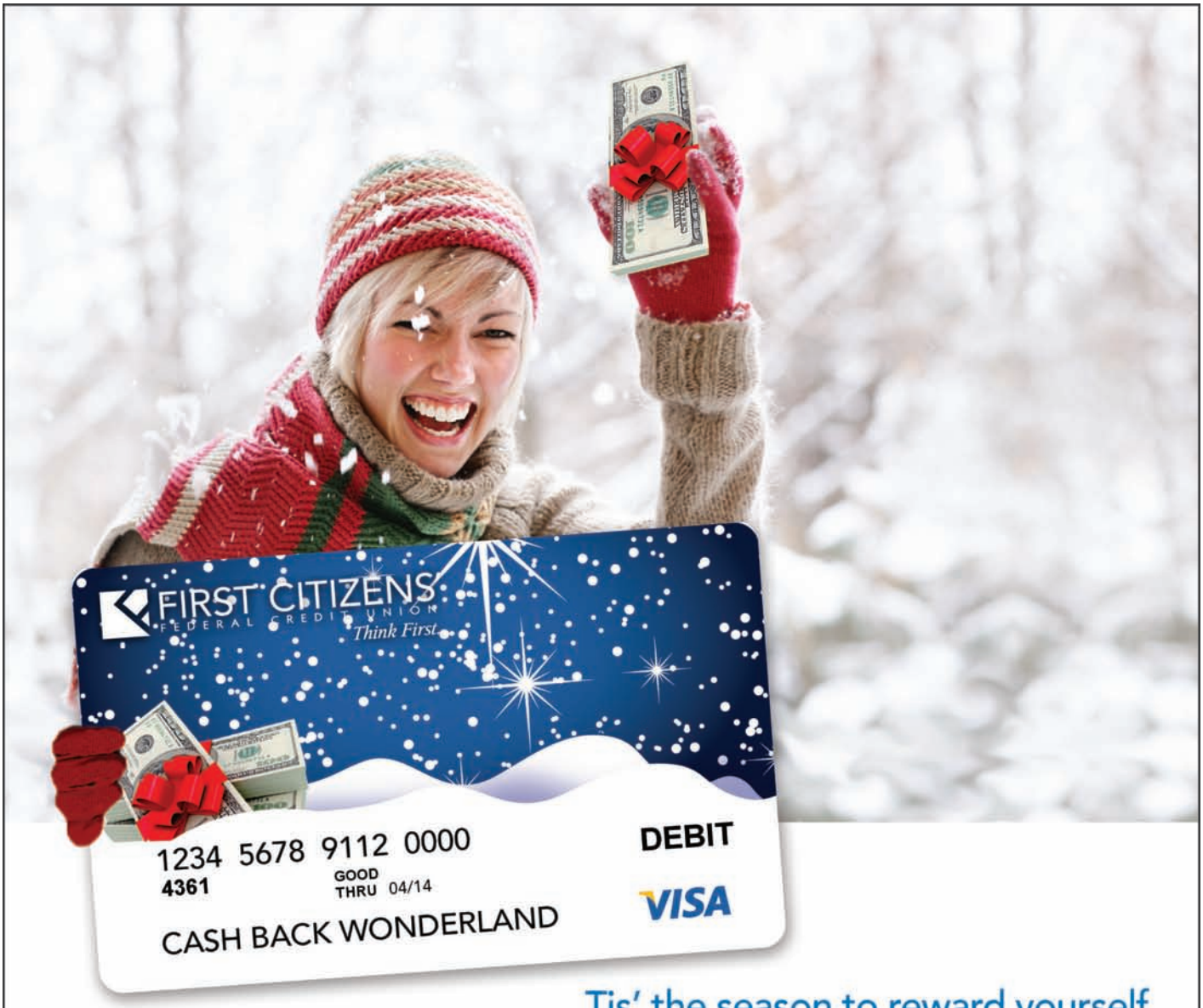
"I'd say approximately two-thirds of the applicants were women," said Phyllis Washburn, a member of the search committee for the First Congregational Church of Marion.

Applicants, both men and women, often as their second career, decide to go into ministry after retirement, being laid off, or as a new start. According to Ms. Washburn, the new Marion minister is a "lifetime" minister – meaning that ministry is her only career choice. Ms. Rubdi is currently serving as Pastor of the First Congregational Church in Milford, NH and will join the church in late January.

Ms. Rubdi joins several other nearby female congregational ministers at their churches in Mattapoisett and Fairhaven. The Reverend Amy Lignitz Harken is the pastor in Mattapoisett and Bette McClure in Fairhaven.

Bette McClure, pastor of the Fairhaven Congregational Church, has been in her position over 10 years. "I was ordained into ministry in 1999," said Ms. McClure. "It is a second career for me... I was a social worker before that." Ms. McClure estimates that


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60 percent of her graduating class at Andover Newton Theological School were women. "And of that, most of us were over 40 [years old] and entering ministry as a second career," said Ms. McClure.

When asked why more young people weren't entering the ministry out of college, Ms. McClure said, "my guess is that it isn't lucrative... the pay isn't good and for a young man or woman thinking of supporting a family... it isn't attractive from a financial standpoint."

Ms. McClure was raised as a Roman Catholic but later joined a Congregational Church to meet new friends after moving into a new town. "I fell in love with the church and its mission and the rest is history," she said, adding that joining the ministry wasn't an option in the Catholic Church.

"Changes in our society in general, allowed women to enter what was traditionally a man's field," said Dale Thackery, a Marion native and an ordained minister. Ms. Thackery is a Chaplain at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth. According to Ms. Thackery, earning a Master of Divinity takes three years on a full time basis, but many attend part time while working and attend part-time for several years before graduating.

"Women have always felt the call and served the church through mission work and other ways, but now this opportunity has presented itself and women are taking advantage of it," said Mr. Thackery. "Ministry is a nurturing profession and women are drawn to it," she

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said, adding that the profession can be demanding and is a round-the-clock, on-call position.

"Ministry isn't something you choose. It chooses you," said Rev. Amy Lignitz Harken, who became the pastor of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church in March of 2011. "I'm a former journalist... This is my second career."

"I think women are very intuitive and perceptive and can see beyond the obvious... probably due to social conditioning," said Rev. Harken, who received her Master of Divinity degree from the University of Chicago Divinity School. "More and more women are being called to serve and are able to provide a depth of spirit to their congregation," said Ms. Harken.

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## Plumb Library Knits for Kids

**By Laura Fedak Pedulli**

When library patrons aren't keeping their hands busy turning the pages of books, many are occupied with another favorite pastime: knitting.

A group of knitters at Plumb Library in Rochester has been especially busy the past few months, but with a good cause in mind. Every year, the group knits items for those in need. In 2010, they knit 185 scarves for soldiers – which required them to follow strict patterns to adhere to military dress code.

This year – they changed the beneficiaries of their knitted creations to preemies and children.

According to Plumb Library Director Gail Roberts, the knitters donated 46 caps for preemies to Charlton Hospital in conjunction with Lakeville Public Library, which also donated some caps. In addition, the group knitted 19 pairs of mittens, 40 hats, 23 scarves, one sweater, and one pair of socks for Gifts to Give in New Bedford, a non-profit organization that collects gently used and new clothing and goods for homeless and at-risk children.

"I told them to go berserk, to do whatever [they] wanted to do. With soldiers you had to be pickier," Ms. Roberts said.

The library director also said that people have reacted well to the generosity – which happened behind the closed doors of knitters' homes. Some began knitting



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"People think it was a very positive thing to have done," she said.

About 15 people signed up to participate, but it is impossible to tell the true number of participants as many of the do-gooders opted to remain anonymous.

"They left stuff and took off. They didn't stay," she said. "My group tends to want to stay home and do some something in their house." Ms. Roberts herself knitted five mittens. She said when uninterrupted, the mittens take about one weekend to make.

Already the library knitters are thinking about next year's theme. Ms. Roberts thinks the groups will create items, such as shawls and blankets, for older residents in

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With its latest philanthropy effort wrapping up, the library now is preparing for its Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

As part of the event, the Friends of Plumb Library are raising money for the library by selling wreaths: 12-inch double sided wreaths without a bow for $11 and with a red bow for $13.

The group now is taking orders for the wreaths – available for pick up at the open house – and forms are available at the library or through its website, www.plumblibrary.com.

The Friends are also seeking items for the Silent Auction: handmade goods, gift certificates, or other items. Call the library at 508-763-8600 for more details.

### Remembering Seniors During Holidays

**By Laura Fedak Pedulli**

Holidays are supposed to be a time of celebration and joy – but the expectation of good tidings may create the opposite feelings of depression and sadness. These feelings tend to be higher among the elderly, especially older seniors or those with no nearby family – local Council of Aging directors say.

"There is a high rate of depression among the elderly during the holiday season, because they are remembering times past, and old loved ones," said Sharon Lally, director of Rochester's Council on Aging.

"There is a loss of roles in their life. They may have been the matriarch or patriarch of the family, and they are no longer in the situation to gather the people. Sometimes it's a tough time for seniors. Not to mention the cost of it. Living with fixed incomes, they can't do as much as they like," she said, noting that many seniors find solace through their churches or spiritual practices.

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Jackie Ashley, Rochester COA's Outreach Worker, said many seniors with family around cope well, but some of the more isolated people suffer. "Those who are really the elderly of the elderly, they are depressed. I do whatever to cheer them up. Laughter is the best medicine," she said.

In addition to regular outreach services, the council works with the Rochester Lions Club to deliver Christmas Baskets with food and gift items to seniors.

"It gets me into houses I normally don't get into... It's chance to see some of the seniors who don't go [to the Senior Center]," Ms. Ashley said, who serves 300 of the more than 1,000 seniors ages 60 and over residing in Rochester.



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"There are a lot of seniors not on our radar, who don't call and don't come in. We want to tell them, 'Make yourself known, stop by and see what we offer,'" she said. The Rochester COA's phone number is 508-763-8723.

Jacqueline Coucci, the Director of Mattapoisett's COA, said that although she has not witnessed changes in the functionality of seniors this holiday season, she knows the need to connect is there.

"We don't hear about concerns. Those who are not being connected with as often, we don't necessarily hear from them, maybe because they are ashamed they don't have any connections," Ms. Coucci said.

To help bridge isolated seniors with services and companionship, the council runs a number of programs which she encourages seniors to check out.

"We encourage people to call and say, 'I'd love to have someone come visit.' We are available. They don't have to be shy if they just want someone to come over," she said.

Right now, she is trying to jumpstart the Friendly Visitor program – which pairs volunteers with Mattapoisett seniors in need of a home visit or more personal human connection.

"We are trying to reach out to seniors who are homebound or who just want to have a visitor, and we are trying to encourage other people to step up to the plate and volunteer their services," she said, requesting that prospective seniors or volunteers contact the council at 508-758-4110.

In the meantime, she encourages neighbors and families to make an extra effort to connect with older residents, whether by placing a phone call or making a visit.

Also, the cold weather places additional financial strain on seniors who survive off of small fixed incomes.

During the holidays, Marion's COA Director Susan Schwager said that many seniors without family, or those who don't have children, suffer. However, she said the biggest issue facing seniors is the ability to pay for oil to warm their homes.

"I hear about it every day. It's a big concern. We've been doing a lot of PACE applications," she said, noting


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that the nonprofit is cutting back on financial assistance.

"They live in small ranch houses or rentals. I'm not talking about the larger homes. They are keeping the heat at 60 degrees and I don't blame them," she said, noting that requests for assistance have increased this year.

To help seniors heat their homes and handle other emergencies on a "last ditch effort" basis, Ms. Schwager said she has developed an emergency fund.

"Anyone could donate to that. It is money that stays in town. It stays local and goes entirely to those in need. It is used for someone who comes across hard times – whether for rent, food, oil, medical bills, drug prescription costs, or who all the sudden need medicine," she said, noting that Social Security has provided no cost of living increases in three years.

To learn more about the Marion COA or help with the fund, call 508-748-3570.

### BBC Conservation Restriction Approved

*Mattapoisett Conservation Commission*

**By Laura Fedak Pedulli**

The Conservation Commission unanimously approved a Conservation Restriction for the Coalition for Buzzards Bay for an 18-acre parcel of land off Wolf Island Road during its Monday, November 28 meeting.

The commission had withheld an approval at their last meeting pending a go-ahead from Water and Sewer Superintendent Nick Nicholson.





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"The Conservation Restriction is pretty comprehensive. A positive recommendation was wanted to make sure there were no objectionable prohibitions," said Chairman Peter Newton, who said Mr. Nicholson supported it although beforehand he had no knowledge of it.

With Brendan Annett of the Coalition on hand to answer any last minute questions, the board approved the conversation restriction for aquifer and wildlife protection of that property. The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen also approved the restriction at their November 22 meeting – which gives the Coalition the approvals required to move forward.

In other business, the commission approved:

• A Notice of Intent for a single-family house at 32 Prince Snow Circle (Sitec Inc)

• A Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) with a negative 2 determination for applicant William Durbin who sought to raze/rebuild an accessory building to meet flood zone requirements

• A Notice of Intent by applicant Brandt Island Realty Trust for a single-family home at Brandt Point Village Lot 18. The applicant had submitted the appropriate permit from the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species program

In addition, the commission tabled an RDA application by Carlos Pacheco for a porch and garage additions and a septic upgrade for a residence at 133

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After some conversation about possibly meeting regularly to review properties prior to public hearings, the commission decided to conduct site visits only if special circumstances require it but not as a matter of course.

The next Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled for December 12.

### Rochester Water Bill Makes Progress

**By Laura Fedak Pedulli**

Earlier this year, State Representative William Straus promised to take Rochester Board of Selectmen's assertion that New Bedford is unfairly profiting from the Assawompset/Quittacas Pond Complex – which in part encompasses Rochester – to the state House of Representatives.

Now a bill (HR-3672) is progressing through the House that will alter a century-old agreement to require New Bedford to pay ten cents for every 1,000 gallons it sells to neighboring towns, namely Dartmouth, Acushnet and Fairhaven. Under the old agreement, New Bedford, Fall River and Taunton are entitled to water from the pond complex – but the city's practice of selling water to other towns, namely Dartmouth and Acushnet, is prompting Rochester officials to pursue legislation to ensure some of that money comes back to the town.

"I've been working with the [House Steering, Policy and Scheduling] committee chairman and the

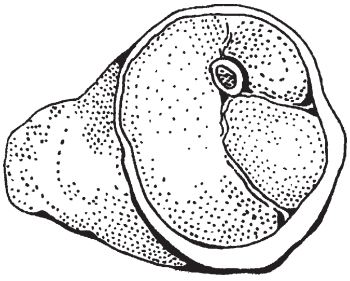


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house counsel's office on the details of the bill. The reality of the bill is that it would change what has been the law for about 100 years in terms of New Bedford water withdrawals… There are some complex legal issues about water rights and property law that we are working on," explained Rep. Straus.

The fact that New Bedford's $28 million water treatment plant is located in Rochester further upsets town officials, who don't feel they are getting the fair end of the bargain.

According to Rep. Straus, the city of New Bedford sells about 40 percent of the water it receives to other towns. At an October Selectmen meeting, Rochester resident Fred Underhill said that the town is losing out on approximately $350,000 annually in lost tax revenue.

Rep. Straus said the bill is important also because it could set a precedent with other communities that draw water. "Because of that, it is complicated," he said.

Once reviewed by the House's legal counsel, it will move forward for a full House vote. If approved, it will move to the Senate, where co-sponsor Sen. Michael Rodrigues will advocate on its behalf.

As with all legislation, the pace of the bill moving through the political system remains unknown at this point.

"I wish there was a single rule of thumb. It could take one week, or it could take many, many weeks," Rep. Straus said. The particularly complex "moving parts of the proposal" due to the age of the agreement will slow things down, he added.

So far, Rep. Straus said New Bedford officials have not officially contested the bill or spoken out against it.

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## Marion Continues Green Quest

*Marion Energy Management Committee*

**By Joan Hartnett-Barry**

A round table discussion regarding the possibility of Marion becoming a Green Community, as defined by the State of Massachusetts, was held at a meeting of the Marion Energy Management Committee at the Marion Music Hall on Monday.

The committee is charged with investigating ways to help Marion create clean, renewable energy for the future and reduce current energy waste in the town. The Green Communities Act, passed in 2008, encourages towns in the state to reduce electric bills, promote the development of renewable energy and stimulate the clean

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If the town were to qualify under the Green Communities Act it could possibly qualify for a $150,000 grant to assist the town in improving energy efficiency.

At issue were five criteria, which the town would have to meet to qualify under the state designation.

"This clearly involves the Planning Board and the 2015 Committee," said member Bill Saltonstall, who discussed the first criteria which calls for siting of designated locations for renewable/alternative energy generation, research and development , or manufacturing facilities.

The board focused on solar energy as a starting point.

According to committee members, a two-acre parcel is the minimum area for a solar installation. Committee members agreed that a property with an existing business could qualify. The board discussed whether the Planning Board would accept the "as-of-right siting" as described in the Green Communities Act or if the wording of the criteria would prompt the Planning Board to require a site plan review. The committee agreed that it was worth taking the issue to the Planning Board and discussing it.

Members attending included Chairman David Pierce, Norman Hills, Jennifer Francis and Bill Saltonstall.

In discussion of various town owned parcels, Mr. Hills said that solar panels shading vegetation on top of a bog or even a landfill could be a problem. "You can't kill the vegetation on a landfill... that's what keeps it covered," said Mr. Hills. Ms. Francis asked about shade plants, such as Swedish ivy, being used beneath the shadow of a solar panel.

Various ideas, including the use of roof membranes on top of schools or town buildings could be used to negate any ill effects of positioning solar panels atop existing town structures. The use of conservation restricted land and Sippican Lands Trust properties was also discussed.

Other criteria discussed included the adoption, by the town, of an expedited application and permit process for qualifying energy facilities and establishing a benchmark for energy use and developing a plan to reduce baseline use by 20 percent within five years.

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Ms. Francis said that Tabor Academy, the Kittansett Club, and others in town have requested energy audits from NStar to assist in reducing their energy costs. NStar will not audit a municipality – however, a software package could be purchased by the town and energy use per building could be monitored and show which buildings are the least efficient.

The last two criteria included the purchase of only fuel-efficient vehicles for town use and setting requirements to minimize life-cycle energy costs for new construction. Most town vehicles are excluded, including police cars and large trucks. To help with meeting standards for new construction, the code advocates adopting the new Board of Building Regulations and

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"In the next few years, this code will probably be adopted by the Commonwealth anyway," said Mr. Saltonstall.

Matthew Meyer, a Marion resident, attended with his young son and said that the energy policy in the United States is far behind Great Britain's. "I've seen it firsthand and was surprised at the economic savings in industry as well as the benefit to the environment," said Mr. Meyer. "I was a bit of a skeptic at first, but now see the substantial cost efficiencies in energy conservation," said Mr. Meyer.

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 23 at the Marion Music Hall at 7:00 pm.

## Jr. High Gets a Taste of the Sr. High

*School Report*

**By Anne Smith**

Many classrooms in Old Rochester Regional High School entertained groups of eighth grade students visiting from the adjoining junior high on Wednesday, November 23, which was also a half-day for them. The visit was scheduled so that the eight grade students, who will soon be facing the decision of which area high school or vocational school to attend, might get to see what the high school is like during school hours, as well as get to talk to current students and ask questions about activities, classes, and homework.

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A week prior to the visit, Assistant-Principal Mr. Parker called the high school students who had volunteered with this year's freshmen orientation down to his office for a quick meeting. Almost the entire group – minus a few students who couldn't miss one or more of their classes to conduct the tours – agreed to act as tour guides for the eighth graders. Mr. Parker and Mr. Devoll were adamant that students could only participate in the tours if they did not have a test in the classes that they would be missing, and other than that, it was up to the students to decide whether it was worth the missed class or not (some students had quizzes or presentations that they couldn't miss, either.)

The student tour guides met in the high school's

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auditorium for 8:15 am so that Mr. Devoll could give everyone a briefing on the schedule for the event. Each tour, he explained, would last twenty minutes, and student tour guides could take their groups anywhere in the building that they deemed relevant to the eighth graders. He warned the tour guides that they only could go into classrooms that had open doors, since the teachers had been told that morning that if they didn't want to be disturbed, they should keep their doors closed for the day. Mr. Devoll stressed that the tour guides do visit at least one classroom (and to not visit health teacher Mr. Jenkins and let him talk about the high school experience for all twenty minutes) and some of the more "remote" sections of the building, such as the television production room. Mr. Devoll told his tour guides that having television production was a big draw for some of the eighth grade students.

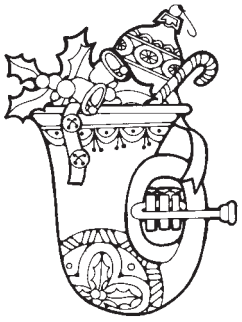
The students who had assembled to lead the tours broke up into groups of two or three, while a group of about seven students agreed to remain in the auditorium for a question and answer session with the eighth grade students. Mr. Devoll said that one of the eighth grade teams would go on tours while the other got to ask questions, and then the two would switch. Mr. Devoll facilitated the question and answer session, as well as counted off the eighth grade homerooms into smaller tour groups.

In the question and answer session, the questions


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mainly revolved around the length of classes, the amount of homework, and what a typical freshman schedule would look like. Mr. Devoll explained what the directed studies are like for students, and the question and answer panel attested that the workload is not unreasonable. When one eighth grade student asked if the honors classes involve more work, the panel chuckled and responded with a singular "YES!" while a few of the high school students added that it was doable, because "our teachers understand... they were kids once, too." Mr. Devoll intercepted a question that one eighth grade student asked (which was about capping the amount of honors classes a student can take), saying that the school will never cap honors classes and that students are encouraged to sign up for what they think they can handle, and then cut back later if they need to do so. The eighth grade students were a little alarmed when they heard that the classes are 90 minutes long, compared to their rather short 45 minutes per class, but the panel unanimously agreed that the 90 minutes are necessary for the classes and not at all unbearable – plus, as one high school student pointed out, the directed studies are 90 minutes long as well. Most of the students on the panel said that they were able to do all of their homework during freshmen year in their studies.

Mr. Devoll put special emphasis on electives and school extra-curricular activities during the session, referring to both myself and a fellow senior, Ms. Nicole

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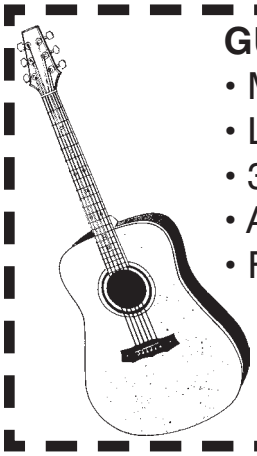
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Pruchnik, for having used a school elective to explore potential careers. In my case, the English electives that I have taken have allowed me to pursue my interest in writing, and in Ms. Pruchnik's case, her Sports Nutrition class and internship with the school's athletic trainer have let her explore the field of sports medicine and training while simultaneously getting work experience for her résumé.

The eighth grade students were naturally curious about the high school's drama club; luckily, one of the panel members was senior Mr. Kurt Correia, who has been involved with drama club for his whole high school experience and is also the drama club's president. Mr. Correia told the eighth graders about the typical drama season – a fall play and a spring musical – and the variety of ways that students can be involved. Mr. Correia stressed that a student doesn't have to be on stage in order to participate in the drama club, and spoke about the number of "techie" positions that are available, gesturing to the stage and other areas of the auditorium as he did so.

Shortly after 9:30 am, the eighth grade students had to return to their own school. Mr. Devoll thanked his student volunteers for their service and allowed them to sit in the auditorium until the bell rang. They attended the last two of their four classes that day (having missed two) and went home following the 11:30 am dismissal.



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## Victorious Thanksgiving Game for ORR

*Sports Shorts*

**By India Krawczyk**

**Old Rochester Football** – The Bulldogs certainly had some bumps along the road this season, but the victory against Apponequet at the Thanksgiving game proved just what ORR is capable of. The score at the conclusion of the game stood at 20-13, marking the first time since 2005 that ORR has beaten Apponequet. **DJ MacDonald** had an outstanding game, setting the ORR record for the longest touchdown run from the scrimmage line at 98 yards. He also had 18 carries for 187 yards and three touchdowns.

With the final football game of the season having taken place, the fall season truly has concluded. Here is a recap of how the other fall sports teams fared this season. Photos of the game can be seen in *The Wanderer* photo gallery at www.wanderer.com/gallery

**Old Rochester Boys and Girls Cross Country** – The boys finished a very successful season, only losing to New Bedford Voke in their regular season and placing second in the SCC meet. The girl's team finished their season undefeated winning both the conference and the SCC meet.

**Old Rochester Field Hockey –** The ORR girls finished their season undefeated with a record of 17-0-1 after being knocked out of the tournament by Harwich.

**Old Rochester Girls Soccer** – The girls wrapped up a successful season last week, making it into the first found of the state tournament. Their record stands at 13-3-2.

**Old Rochester Boys Soccer** – The Bulldogs had quite a lot to talk about this season from being undefeated at home to breaking Voke's seven year home winning streak, but it all ultimately ended up in the quarterfinal

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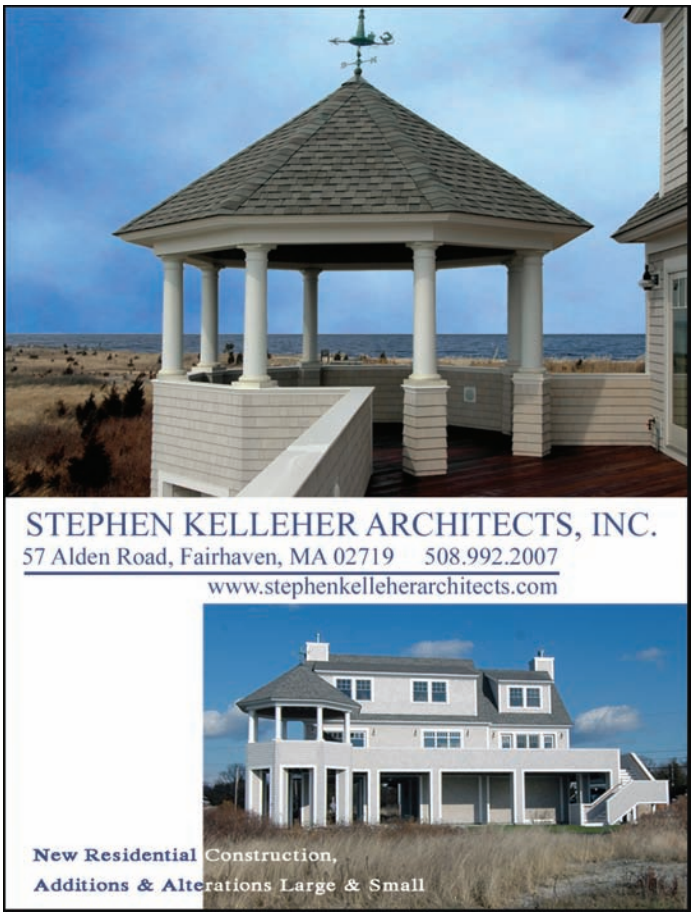
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**Male 13 - 18** – First: Zachary Bohn, 17, Acushnet, 11:24; First (tie): Ryan Stopka, 16, Rochester, 11:24; Third: Chris Carando, 16, Mattapoisett, 13:12.

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**Female 30 - 39** – First: Inna Noble, 39, Marion, 15:01; Second: Laura Greeley, 30, Sleepy Hollow, NY, 15:04; Third: Kelly Bertrand, 35, Rochester, 16:14.

**Male 30 - 39** – First: Nelson Sousa, 35, New Bedford, 12:47; Second: Keith Johnson, 38, New Bedford, 12:59; Third: Eric Hubert, 38, Taunton, 13:22.

**Female 40 - 49** – First: Julie Craig, 45, Mattapoisett, 13:05; Second: Kelly Spring, 48, Wareham, 13:58; Third: Cindy Tilden, 44, Marion, 14:20.

**Male 40 - 49** – First: Scott Anderson, 46, New Bedford, 10:32; Second: Sal Corrao, 40, Mattapoisett, 11:13; Third: Jeff Humphrey, 43, Miami, FL, 11:51.

**Female 50 - 59** – First: Debra Holden, 56, Rochester, 16:52; Second: Nancy Demmer, 52, Rochester, 18:15; Third: Deborah Huckabee, 54, Acushnet, 18:31.

**Male 50 - 59** – First: James Preisig, 53, Falmouth, 11:12; Second: Michael Florio, 51, Mattapoisett, 15:39; Third: David Stoelting, 53, Brooklyn, NY, 16:09.

**Female 60 - 69** – First: Rachel McGourthy, 69, Mattapoisett, 21:22; Second: Teresa Dall, 65, Middleboro, 22:09; Third: Louise Paolello, 62, Wareham, 22:25.

**Male 60 - 69** – First: James Lastowski, 60, Harmony, RI, 20:53.

**Female 70 - 99** – First: Rose-Anne Concannon, 71, Marshfield Hills, 22:51.

**Male 70 - 99** – First: Harry Harrison, 71, New Bedford, 19:21; Second: Jim Meckes, 73, Wareham, MA 26:17.

## Bulldog Dash Kids Results

**Preschool**: Olivia Sample, first; Emma Avitabile, second;

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Ryan Laramee, third. Other runners: Tate Laramee, Baylie Menard, Zach Mourao, Neva Matos, Novalee Andree, Lillian Gangi, Asa Schipper, Tara Battaglino, Brock Winslow, John Horan, Christopher Horan, Ethan Perry, Leah Bertrand, and Ella Ferguson.

**Kindergarten**: (Boys) John Paul Lagunowich, first; John Butler, second; John Battaglino, third. (Girls) Lila Bangs, first; Tessa Winslow, second; Julia Carvalho, third. Other runners: Matt Kennefick, Dan Bertrand, Owen Weigel, William Gangi, Jack Rapoza, and Brenna O'Donnell.

**First Grade**: (Boys) Harrison Hughes, first; Zach Santos, second; Sawyer Fox, third. (Girls) Julia Downey, first; Isabella Smith, second; Bianca Greco, third. Other runners: Trevor Stack, Finn Broderick, Ryan Silva, Dylan Hartley-Matteson, and Jed Dupre.

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**Third Grade**: (Boys) Ben Gowell, first; Zakary Sarkarati. (Girls) Julia Rood, first; Olivia Gowell, second; Megan Horan, third.

**Fourth Grade**: (Boys) Brendan Stack, first; Brendan Nunes, second; Jameson Woodward, third. (Girls) Jackie Barrett, first; Anneliese Schipper, second.

**Fifth Grade**: (Boys) Noah McIntyre, first; Noah Gowell, second. (Girls) Abby Horan, first; Dana Leroy, second; Maggie Arruda, third; Mia Quinlan, fourth.

**Sixth Grade**: First place boy: Noah Schipper. First place girl: Caroline Murphy.

## Old Rochester First Term Honor Roll

Old Rochester Regional High School announces the following first term honor roll students:

**Highest Honors – Grade 9:** Jessica Fuller, Heather Nadeau, Austin Salkind, Bailey Truesdale. **Grade 10:** Madison Durr, John Hewitt, Kelly Merlo, Ruhi Raje, Renae Reints, Paige Santos, Michael Wyman. **Grade 11:** Colby Garstang, Emun Legesse, Marisa Parker, **Grade 12:** Megan Merlo, Maggie Pelletier, Rachael Reints.

**High Honors – Grade 9:** Morgan Browning, Kara Cruz, Andrea Harris, Michael Kassabian, Andrew Kuhl, Ian MacLellan, Jordan Menard, Jentelle Rioux. **Grade 10:** Emily Audet, Michaela Bouvette, Cameron Brenner, Brianna Perry, Kaitlyn Sethares, Leah Thomas, **Grade 11;** Grady Branagan, Hailey Gallagher, Casey Garstang. **Grade 12:** Connor Bailey, Ashley Hall, Theodore Kassabian, Maegan Kiernan, Courtney McLeod, Jae Rouillier, Anne Smith, Michael Stellato, Matthew Vicino, Rachel Vincent, Jovana Zagorac.

**Honors – Grade 9:** Jennifer Aguiar, Austin Alves, Michael Amato, Ryan Beatty, Abigail Bentz, Cameron Black, Michael Brown, Brittany Brzezinski, Stephen Burke, Danielle Cammarano, Mikayla Demanche, Brett Dineen, Benjamin Dion, Samuel Dorothy, Steven Durocher, Jaclyn Dyson, Nicole Gifford, Amanda Hiller, Sean Labbe, Gerald Lanagan Jr., James Leidhold, Ethan Lizotte, Mya Lunn, Lindsey MacMurdo, Samantha Malatesta, Laura McCoy, Kate McGraw, Victoria Medeiros, Matthew Miller, Benjamin Mimoso, Julia Nojeim, Darby Nolet, Ryan Noonan, Devyn O'Connor, Margaret O'Day, Trevor Oldham, Ashley Pacheco, Jonathan Perreira, Gwyneth Plante, Justin Resendes, Chloe Riley, Sarah Robertson, Zachary Rogers, August Russo, Peter Sands, Kyle Sherman, Riley Sherman, Amber Silva, Tyler Sjahfiedin, Sydney Swoish, Marie Sylvester, Angela Weigel, Madeleine West. **Grade 10:** Samantha


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### Rochester Youth Baseball Registration

Rochester Youth Baseball (RYB) has opened registration for its Spring 2012 season. Players may register online via its website (www.RochesterYouthBaseball.com), via mail and in-person. An Information/Registration Night will be held on Monday, **December 12** from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Re-Max offices at 140 Wareham Road, Marion (on the corner of Route 6 and Point Road).


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RYB's divisions are: Major League for players 9 to 12 years old; Minor League for players 8 to 11 years old; Farm League for players 6 to 8 years old; T-Ball for players 4.5 to 6 years old.

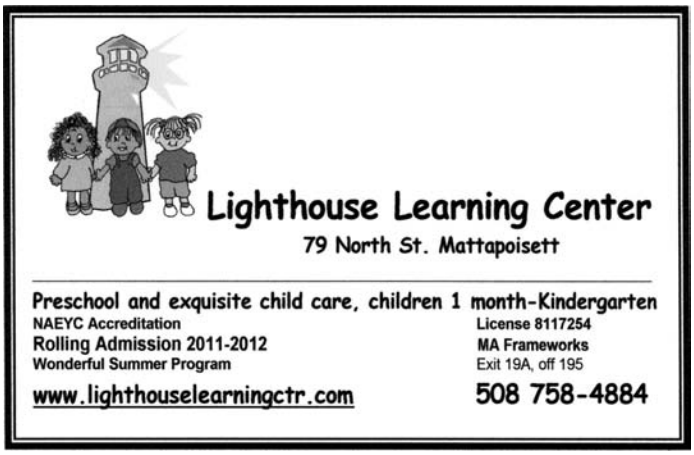
There is further information available on the RYB website and on its Facebook page. If you have a question, email RYB President Hal Rood at halrood@gmail.com.

## Rochester Republican Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will meet at the Ponderosa on Route 105 in Acushnet on Saturday **December 10** at 4:30 pm. The public is welcome. For more information, call Fred Underhill, 508-763-5001.

## Plumb Corner Holiday Celebration

Plumb Corner will have a Holiday Celebration on **December 10** from 10:00 am to noon. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy and canned/dry food for Damien's Pantry.




There will be crafts, cookie decorating, kids shopping for parents and a raffle. Even Santa will make an appearance.

## Christmas Caroling in the Village

The Mattapoisett Historical Society will host an afternoon of Christmas caroling on Sunday, **December 11**, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.

Mattapoisett's children and their families are invited to an afternoon of old-fashioned Christmas caroling through Mattapoisett's village. Carolers will gather at the Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street. The final stop of the day will be the Kinsale Inn to regale the crowds. Afterwards, hot chocolate and cookies will warm up participants back at the Museum. Don't forget to bring your jingle bells!

The Mattapoisett Historical Society is located at 5 Church Street, Mattapoisett, MA, 508-758-2844. Visit www.MattapoisettHistoricalSociety.org

## Boy Scout Wreath Sale

Decorate your home with poinsettias and wreaths that will be on sale at Town Hall during the Holiday in the Park on Saturday, **December 3**. This event is a Mattapoisett Boy Scout Troop 53 project. Come and support your local Boy Scout Troop and enjoy a free hot cup of coffee or hot chocolate while making your selections among the many beautifully decorated wreaths. Undecorated wreaths will also be available.

## Brotherhood Holiday Party

The second annual holiday dinner party sponsored by the Marion Police Brotherhood will be held on **December 17** at the Marion Social Club at Noon. Tickets may be picked up at the Marion Council on Aging office, located in the Town House on Spring Street.

## Machacam Club Meeting

The Machacam Club will hold its next meeting on **December 7** at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm and dinner is at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Andrew Murray, Chief of the Mattapoisett Fire Department. Andy will report on the changes that have taken place with the Department in the areas of personnel and equipment. He will also discuss the firefighters' ongoing efforts to expand their community involvement, and future activities.

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### Quintet Christmas Singalong

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The Quahog Brass Singalong will take place on Friday, **December 9** at 7:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion. Suggested donations are $10 for adults, $5 for children 12 and older. Children under 12 are free.

### Holiday FORM Concert

The Old Rochester Regional School District Holiday Concerts are scheduled for Thursday **December 8** at 7:00 pm featuring the Senior High Students and the Junior High Student Concert will be presented on Thursday **December 15** at 7:00 pm. Both concerts will be held in the High School Auditorium.

The performances will include Chorus, Concert Bands, Jazz Bands and feature the great talent that our tri-town music programs provide. This annual event is sponsored by FORM (Friends of Old Rochester Music) and promises to be a joyful evening. Admission is free and tickets will be available for a Poinsettia Raffle. All are invited.

### 25th Annual Holiday House Tour

The Sippican Woman's Club will present its 25th annual Holiday House Tour and Tea on Saturday, **December 10**, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Proceeds from the Holliday House Tour are used for annual scholarship awards to area students. Last year over $13,000 was distributed to graduating seniors and college students.

The tour begins at the club's Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street in Marion.

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From the tavern, participants will proceed to five homes in Marion, each unique and decorated for the holidays in New England. Always a closely guarded secret, we know that two of the homes in the village were built in the 19th century; one was part of the underground railroad. The other was rented by Richard Harding Davis to use as a club where the men in town could meet. The other three homes are fairly new, and are special for their views of the water. One of the homes is decorated in ocean colors; another has a beautiful perennial garden and the third has beautiful view of Buzzards Bay from every room.

There is also the elegant Tea at St. Gabriel's, where one can enjoy fresh baked goodies and have a chance to warm up. St. Gabriel's is located at the corner of Front Street and South Street. Tea will be served from 2:00 to 4:00 pm by Sippican Woman's Club members.

Tickets are $18 in advance, available in Marion at Serendipity, The Bookstall, and The Marion General Store. In Mattapoisett, tickets may be purchased at Isabelle's in The Ropewalk shops on Route 6. On the day of the tour, tickets can be purchased for $22 at the Coldwell Banker Real Estate office, next to Handy's Tavern.

## Sippican Choral Group

The Sippican Choral Society will present "Christmas Through the Years" in the first weekend in December. Beginning with the ninth century plainsong version of Veni, Veni Emmanuel and ending with a contemporary jazz style arrangement of Go Tell It On the Mountain, the chorale will take the audience on a journey through the centuries. Directed by Brian Roderick and accompanied by pianist Michelle Gordon, musical selections will feature four-hands piano, organ, woodwind, and percussion.

The Sippican Chamber Choir will also perform, and the newly formed Southcoast Children's Chorus will begin its second season by joining the Choral Society for a portion of the program. Be sure to visit www.SippicanChoral.org for more information.

Performances are as follows:

• Friday, **December 2**, 8:00 pm – Grace Episcopal Church, County Street, New Bedford.

• Sunday, **December 4**, 4:00 pm – Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy, Marion.

Tickets are $12 for adults, $6 for Students. Tickets are available at The Bookstall in Marion, and Baker Books in Dartmouth.

## Mattapoisett Women's Club

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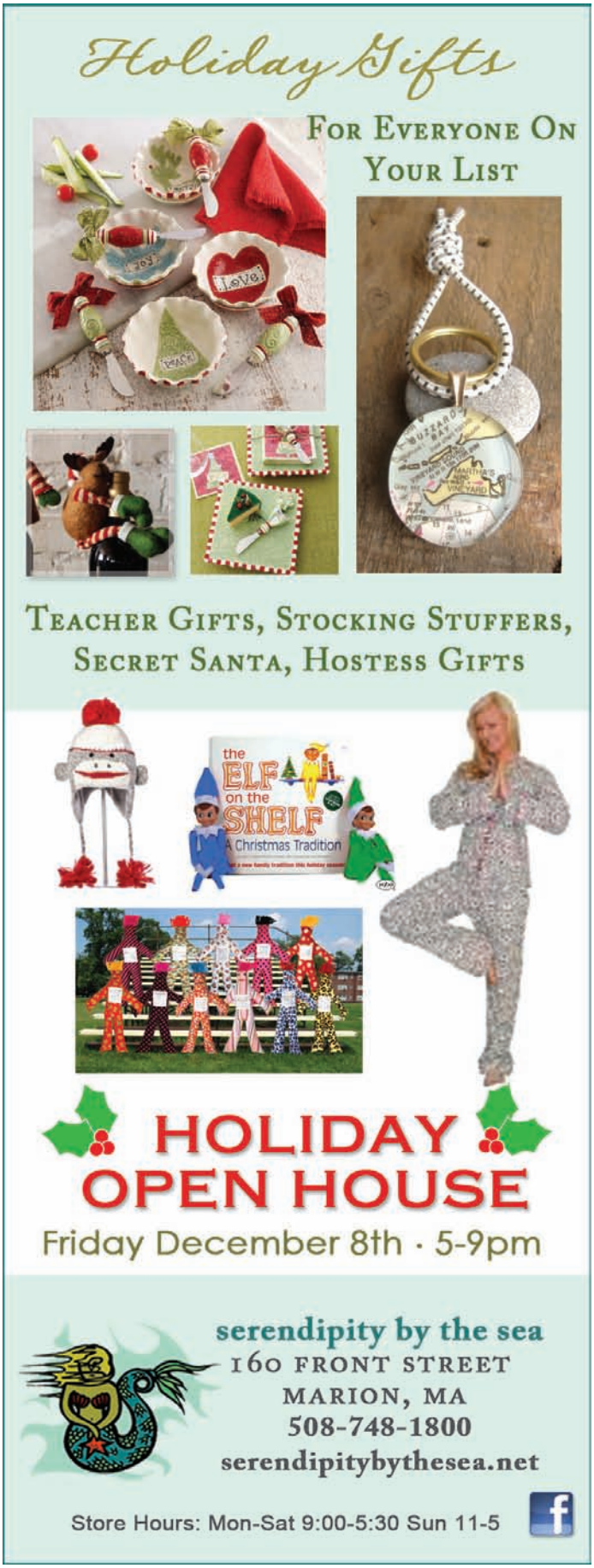
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Great Decisions meets once a week on Wednesdays for eight consecutive weeks from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm beginning **January 25**, 2012 in the lower meeting room of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. The expected ending date is March 14. A snow date would extend the meetings to March 21.

Cost for the Foreign Policy Association publication providing background information on discussion topics is $28. The fee includes refreshments. Please make checks payable to: Ellen P. Flynn and mail checks to Ellen P. Flynn, P.O. Box 1312, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 by Monday, December 19, 2011. For more information contact co-chairs: Ellen P. Flynn at 508-758-1312 or Eileen Marum at 508-758-9751.

## Rochester Women's Club Tree Sale

The Rochester Women's Club will be selling fresh Christmas trees and decorated wreaths at the clubhouse (Marion Road, Rochester Center) on Saturday, **December 3** and Sunday, **December 4** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Trees and wreaths will also be on sale on Saturday,


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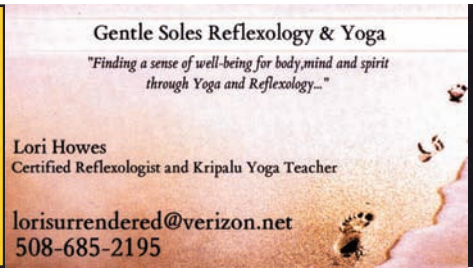

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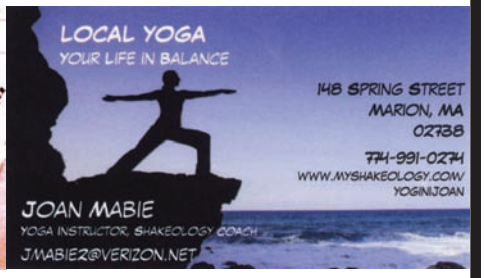

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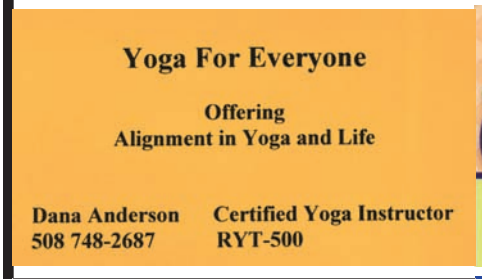






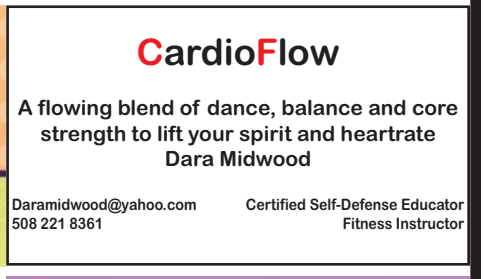

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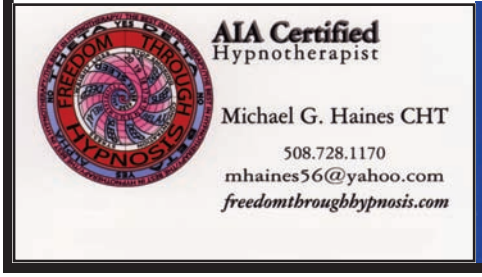


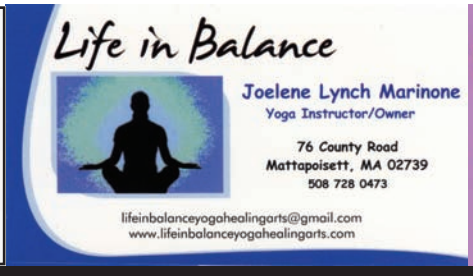



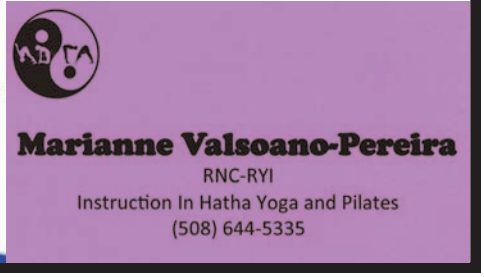






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### Mattapoisett Free Public Library

• **Holiday Fun** – Ring in some holiday cheer at the Mattapoisett Library on Tuesday, **December 13** at 6:00 pm. There will be music, refreshments and the lighting of a tree decorated with your homemade ornaments. Adults and children can join us in closing out the year's "go green" theme by making ornaments at home from recycled materials and decorating the tree in the Reading Room. Questions can be directed to Jessica Noblet at MFPLFriends@gmail.com.

• **Monthly Sale** – The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library's monthly book sale will be **December 10**, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm in the Meeting Room at the library. Now is a great time to shop our growing collection of cookbooks, current fiction and mysteries, self-help, audiobooks and children's books. For the holidays, pick up one of our canvas tote bags and fill it with gifts for book-lovers. You can purchase a copy of the new Friends cookbook, a compilation of favorite recipes including a selection from the library's "Cooks and Books" chefs. As always, donations of your gently-used books are welcome at the library during business hours.

### Magic of Christmas Fair

The members of St. Anthony's and St. Rita's parishes will host the 46th annual Christmas Fair at St. Anthony's at 22 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett on Saturday, **December 3**, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. The event will benefit the parish and the scholarship fund. Stop by for some Christmas cheer, treats and unique gifts for those on your "Nice" list.

Santa arrives at 9:30 am for a picture opportunity. Come pick out a hand-painted ornament, get fresh greens, lunch in Edie's Kitchen, participate in the raffle, or shop from the many boutiques – all major credit cards are welcome.

### Marion Art Center News

• **Ice Sculptor** – On Saturday, **December 10**,

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The Bicentennial Park is located at the corner of Spring and Main Streets in Marion. For more information call 508-748-1266.

### Historical Society Seeks Curator

With the announcement of Bette Roberts' pending retirement as curator of the Mattapoisett Museum, the Historical Society is currently interviewing for her replacement. If you are interested, please view the job description on the Museum's web page: www.MattapoisettHistoricalSociety.org.

### Plumb Library Events

• **Homemade Wreaths** – The Friends of Plumb Library are now taking orders for wreaths – 12-inch double sided wreaths without a bow cost $11; with a red bow costs $13. Wreaths may be picked up at the Holiday Open House on Saturday, **December 3** between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm, or by other arrangement if necessary. Order forms may be found at the library or on the library's website: www.plumblibrary.com. The Friends are also


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seeking items for the Silent Auction: handmade goods, gift certificates, or other items may be donated. Call the library at 508-763-8600 for more details.

• **Cafe Parlez** – Café Parlez selection for December is *The Princess Bride,* by William Goldman. Nearly everyone has seen the movie; now read the book! They're all here: Princess Buttercup, Westley, Fezzik, Miracle Max Vizzini, Prince Humpderdinck, Inigo Montoya –the whole gang. *The Princess Bride* is about good against evil, country against country, strange beasts, and love, true love. Fans of the movie will be delighted to read more back story and those new to the film will find a lot to like. The group will be discussing this book on Thursday, **December 29** at 6:30 pm. Books are available at the desk, or bring your own copy. Café Parlez is sponsored by the Friends of Plumb Library. Continue the discussion on Goodreads – www.GoodReads.com.

The schedule for 2012 is available at the library. Selections will include: *Bel Canto*, *Room*, *Three Junes*, *A Visit from the Goon Squad*, *The Last Child*, *The Tiger's Wife*, *Mrs. Kimble*, and *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*.

• **Non-Fiction Book Group** – The Nonfiction book discussion group will meet Thursday, **December 15** at 6:30 pm to discuss *Hidden Persuaders* by Vance Packard. Written in the late 1950s, this book is at times a quaint look back, and an eerie look into the future of advertising and its influence on us, both economically and politically. Packard was one of the first to recognize how advertisers were controlling the minds of the consumer, and how market research plays a big part in what we purchase. Books are available at the desk or bring your own copy.

The non-fiction schedule for 2012 is: **January 20**: *The Other Wes Moore*, by Wes Moore; **February 16**: *Cod*, by Mark Kurlansky; **March 15**: *In the Garden of the Beasts*, by Erik Larsen; **April 19**: *Columbine*, by Dave Cullen; **May 17**: *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*, by Amy Chua.

• **Holiday Open House** – The Friends of Plumb Library will be holding their annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, **December 3** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Open House will consist of a Silent Auction featuring handmade items, and goods and services from area businesses; a bake sale; children's table with crafts for

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kids to make; "Dinner for Two" books; and much more. The Brownie Scouts of Rochester will perform seasonal songs. Wreath orders may be picked up at the Open House. The Plumb Library is located at 17 Constitution Way, Rochester. For more information, call 508-763-8600, or email info@plumblibrary.com

• **Food for Fines** – During the month of December, Plumb Library patrons can have their late fees and fines waived if they donate non-perishable items for local food pantries, or pet food for local animal shelters. "Food for Fines" will start **December 1** and end **December 23**. Donations cannot cover lost book fees, or lost card fees. Call the library for more information. Start the New Year with a clean slate and help local food pantries.

• **Busy Knitters** – The Knitters at Plumb Library have done it again. Last year, they donated 185 scarves for soldiers. This year, they knitted items for children. The busy knitters in Rochester donated 46 caps for preemies, donated to Charlton Hospital; 19 pairs of mittens, 40 hats, 23 scarves, one sweater, and one pair of socks were made and donated to "Gifts to Give" in New Bedford.

• **Storytime Schedules** – Preschool storytimes are for children ages 3-5 and meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. Bookaroos for Twos, a storytime for children ages 2-3 and their parents or caregivers, meets every Friday at 10:30 am. Both story times are on holiday hiatus. Registration for the winter session will begin Monday, **December 5** and end Saturday, **December 17**. Winter

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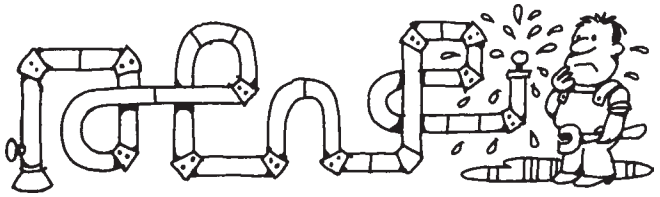
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### Marion Flu Clinic

The Marion Board of Health is pleased to announce that they will sponsor a pneumonia and flu vaccine clinic on Monday, December 5, 2011 from noon to 2:00 pm in the nurse's office at the Marion Town Hall, 2 Spring Street.

Residents of all ages are encouraged to attend! The Public Health Nurse also has walk-in clinic hours every Monday (except holidays) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am or Tuesday through Friday by appointment. Home visits for homebound residents may also be scheduled by appointment. To make an appointment, please call 508-748-3507.

Please wear a short-sleeved shirt to the clinic and remember to bring your insurance card. Sponsored by the Marion Board of Health.

### Friends of the Elderly News

• **Holiday Luncheon** – Mark **December 15** for the annual Holiday Luncheon hosted by the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly. This event is free and takes place on Thursday, December 15 at noon. As in previous years, it is being held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6. Enjoy the special holiday festivities with lots of fun and singing, and door prizes for all.

Free tickets can be picked up at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging's Social and Wellness Center, located in Center School, 17 Barstow St. Transportation can be reserved through the Center – call 508-758-4110.

### Mattapoisett COA

• **Exercise**: Mondays at 10:00 am, QiGong ($2.50); Mondays and Wednesdays at noon, Strength and Balance ($2.50); Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:45 am, Yoga ($2.50); Wednesdays at 10:00 am, CardioDance Fit ($3).

• **Crafts**: Mondays at 10:00 am, Knitting Group (free); Coming soon – Watercolor Painting.

• **Social**: Mondays at 1:00 pm, Scrabble (free); Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, Bingo (per card); Thursdays at 9:00 am, Bridge (free).

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Learn to play Mah Jongg or add the Wednesday afternoon session to your weekly Mah Jongg schedule. Reserve your place by calling the Center at 508-758-4110.

The Mattapoisett COA is located in the Center School at 17 Barstow Street. The phone number is 508-758-4110.

## Marion COA

**COA Speaker Series** – The first Wednesday of every month the Marion COA sponsors a different speaker. All talks are held at 1:00 pm at the Marion Police Station. Preregistration is not needed and this is a free event.

- **December 7** – Cell Phone Use – Bring your phone and charger and learn how to add or delete phone messages, take pictures and anything else your phone may be able to do.
- **January 4** – How to protect your nest egg.
- **February 1** – When Love is Not Enough – Dos and don'ts when communicating with Alzheimer's patients.

## Mattapoisett Tax Collector News

The Town of Mattapoisett is pleased to offer the option of paying for water/sewer bills and property and excise taxes with a credit card at the Collector's Office counter. The new credit card reader service is being offered in conjunction with the Town's third-party vendor for online eBill payment services. Bill payers who use the new secure in-office credit card swiper service will be charged a convenience fee of approximately three percent of the total bill, and will be informed of the exact amount before the transaction is completed. The "Swiper" can be used for paying with Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards. The Town is looking to expand this service, as well as the online bill payment service, to include other town departmental bills in the future.

## Free Self-Defense Classes for Women

*Rochester Police Press Release*

The Rochester Police Department will offer self-defense classes for women 14 years and older on **December 28** and **January 4** from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, **January 7** from 9:00 to noon and **January 7** from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. This four-part course is offered at Old Colony Regional Vocational High School, 476 North Avenue, Rochester

This is a free program for Tri-Town women. Call the Rochester Police at 508-763-5112 ext. 109 to register.

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System is a 12-hour program of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques. It is a comprehensive course for women that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training.

RAD is not a martial arts program. Courses are taught by Rochester Police Officers Robert Small and Elizabeth Rich who are certified RAD instructors. The RAD System of Physical Defense is currently being taught at many Police Departments, Colleges, and Universities. The growing, widespread acceptance of this system is primarily due to the ease, simplicity and effectiveness of its tactics, solid research, and unique teaching methodology.

The RAD Systems is dedicated to teaching women defensive concepts and techniques against various types of assault, by utilizing easy, effective and proven self-defense tactics. The system of realistic defense will provide a woman with the knowledge to make an educated decision about resistance.

Session 1 – Utilizing the RAD student manual, students will be involved in a discussion of risk reduction strategies, date rape, continuum of survival, defensive strategies and the basic principles of defense.

Session 2 – Participating students will begin the process of hands on training, discuss the pros and cons of defensive weaponry, how to develop a defensive mindset, understanding offensive and defensive postures, recognizing vulnerable locations and utilizing personal weapons.

Session 3 – Participating students will continue the process of hands on training. The techniques utilized by RAD Systems are based on simple gross motor skills and are developed to the point that they become instinctual through repetition. Students will have the opportunity to use these techniques in dynamic impact training by striking padded equipment held by the instructors. All techniques target a single attacker.

Session 4 – Students will then participate in "simulated assault" scenarios with RAD instructors, who along with participants, wear state-of-the-art protective gear specifically designed for this training. Women have the opportunity to utilize their skills in a safe training environment.

### ORCTV Holiday Greetings

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their studio to the public to have holiday greetings videotaped. This is free and open to all. Come in and sing a song, read a story, do a skit or simply say Happy Holidays. All tapings will be played on the local access channels throughout the holidays. Tapings will take place **December 5 to 9** at ORCTV 345 Front St. Marion. You must reserve a time by calling 508-748-1600 or email kim@orctv.org. This is great for businesses, families, youth, town departments and organizations.

## BoxTops for Education

Please help support the Center School and save your BoxTops and Campbell's soup labels. Funding from these products helps pay for transportation to field trips and recess equipment. Community collection boxes for the BoxTops and soup labels are located at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, the children's room of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, and the Mattapoisett Senior Center in the Center School on Barstow Street. Thank you for supporting your local school!

## Marion Senior Fuel Assistance

If you are an elder and live in the communities of Marion, Mattapoisett, or Rochester, and are having difficulty paying for fuel this season, Coastline Elderly Services may be able to help you with a one-time payment for fuel assistance.

This program will benefit elders 60 years of age or older who live on fixed incomes.

Fuel assistance may be provided for oil, gas, electric, propane, or other fuels. Contact the Marion Council on Aging at 508-748-3570 for details.

## From the Mattapoisett Town Clerk

• **Dog Licensing** - If your dog has not been licensed for 2011, please do so as soon as possible. The second late fee of $20 is now in effect. If your dog is male/female the fee is now $32, if your dog has been spayed/neutered the fee is now $29, this includes the $20 late fee. Current rabies certificate must be on file before a license can be issued.

• **Mooring Inspections** – If your mooring number is preceded by a letter (A-H), you should have received a letter and a mooring inspection form in the mail. The form must be on file in the Town Clerk's office before your 2012 payment will be accepted. Please be sure the

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**Sunday December 4, 2011**
6:30 AM – Words of Peace
7:00 AM – Second Coming Church
8:00 AM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – Physician Focus
11:30 AM – White House Chronicle
Noon – The Register's Report
1:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
1:30 PM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:00 PM – Words of Peace
6:30 PM – Navigating the Way For Seniors
7:00 PM – Deutsche Welle - Arts.21
7:30 PM – Older and Loving It
8:00 PM – Sound Off
9:30 PM – ORCTV Community Announcements
Midnight – Midnight Movie

**Monday December 5, 2011**
8:00 AM – Deutsche Welle - Arts.21
9:00 AM – Your Money Your Life
9:30 AM – Your Next Bold Move
10:00 AM – Army Newswatch
10:30 AM – White House Chronicle
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Robbi Around Town
3:00 PM – Words of Peace
4:00 PM – Earth Focus
4:30 PM - Explore
5:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
5:30 PM - Around BCC
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – Your Daily Gumbo
9:00 PM – Deutsche Welle - European Journal
9:30 PM – Global 3000
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
Midnight – Midnight Movie

**Tuesday December 6, 2011**
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM – Graceful Aging
9:30 AM – ORCTV's Non Profit Highlights
10:00 AM - Senior Scene
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM - ATU and the Community
3:00 PM – ORCTV Community Announcements
5:30 PM - Graceful Aging
6:30 PM – The Dr. Is In
7:00 PM – Senior Scene
7:30 PM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
8:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
9:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
10:00 PM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 PM – Physician Focus
11:00 PM – Free Minds TV
Midnight – Midnite Mausoleum

**Wednesday December 7, 2011**
8:00 AM – Cooking with Colby
9:00AM – Emily's Garden
10:00 AM – Cooking with Marie
10:30 AM - Living Healthy – with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
3:00 PM - Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM - The Register's Report
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
8:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
9:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM - Paranormal Generation
Midnight – Midnight Movie
1:30 AM – Sci-Fi Journal

**Thursday December 8, 2011**
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM – The Register's Report
10:00 AM – NASA 360
10:30 AM - Kids a Cookin'
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
3:30 PM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
4:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy - Steve Cassidy
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM – Alternative Root TV
10:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – Midnight Mausoleum

**Friday December 9, 2011**
8:00 AM – Cooking with Colby
8:30 AM - ORCTV Community Announcements
10:00 AM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 AM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
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Midnight – Friday Night at the Drive-In - Midnight Movies

**Saturday December 10, 2011**
7:00 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM – Peek-a-boo Turtle
9:30 AM – NASA 360
10:30 PM - Go Fish – With Danny Kenney
11:00 AM – Kids a Cookin'
11:30 AM – The Garage
2:00 PM – Around BCC
2:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
3:00 PM - Paranormal Generation
3:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
4:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
5:00 PM - The City of New Bedford's Arts & Culture Show
5:30 PM – Emily's Garden
6:30 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Alternative Root TV
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – The Dungeon of Dreck

**MARION GOVERNMENT**
**Comcast Channel 95**
**Verizon Channel 39**
**Daily Schedule**
8:00 AM – Marion School Committee
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Marion School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

**ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT**
**Comcast Channel 95**
**Verizon Channel 40**
**Daily Schedule**
8:00 AM – Rochester School Committee
11:15 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
3:15 PM - Rochester School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

**EDUCATION CHANNEL**
**Comcast Channel 18**
**Verizon Channel 37**
**Daily Schedule**
8:00 AM – Common Cents – Financial Literacy for Teens
9:00 AM – Sippican School - Principal's Tea - October 26, 2011
9:45 AM - 2011 ORRHS John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipiants
10:00 AM – ORRHS 2011 Homecoming Rally
11:00 AM – The Golden Age of Television
12:30 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
1:00 PM - ORRHS - Haunted Laboratory
2:00 PM - Common Cents – Financial Literacy for Teens
3:00 PM - ORRHS 2011 Homecoming Rally
4:00 PM - ORRHS - Video Journalism Class Projects – 'PSAs'
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8:30 PM - ORRHS 2011 Homecoming Rally

**MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT**
**Comcast Channel 95**
**Verizon Channel 38**

form has been signed and dated before returning it. If per chance you did not receive this letter and form, please call the Clerk's office and one will be sent to you or if able, stop by and pick up the form.

• **2012 Presidential Election Year** – College Students – Absentee ballot applications are available in the Town Clerk's Office. As soon as college students know their college address, they should stop by and fill in an application so that we can send them a ballot as soon as they are available in 2012. A parent may also file this form for them. Ballots cannot be picked up (unless you are voting in person, here in the office) – they must be mailed. All instructions will be sent with the ballot. A parent or immediate family member may return the ballot to us, but it must be sent via the mail. If you have any question please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4103 ext. 2.

### Lions Pledge to Plant Trees

The Mattapoisett Lions Club is inviting all community residents to indicate their interest in supporting a joint Lions and Boy Scout Troop 53 tree planting project. This event is part of the Lions Clubs International Million Tree Planting Campaign, a global campaign taking place from July 2011 to June 2012 that focuses on caring for the environment and our communities through tree planting.

The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) and Lions Clubs International (LCI) committed to planting 1.5 million trees in Kenya. The United Nations has declared 2011 the International Year of Forests.

Forests not only provide environmental benefits, but also offer significant income and livelihood options for more than one billion people around the globe. Trees provide a wide range of products (timber, fruit, medicine, beverages and fodder) and valuable services, including sequestering carbon, providing shade, controlling erosion, beautifying landscapes and increasing the fertility of soil.

Lions Clubs International President Wing-Kun Tam welcomed the partnership, saying, "Trees help the environment by providing an array of benefits, including


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**Obituaries:**

**Attorney Raymond A. Letourneau**, 81, of Fairhaven died Monday November 21, 2011 peacefully at home. He was the beloved husband of Missy (Hall) Letourneau.

Born in New Bedford, the son of the late Hermenegilde and Emma (Tetreault) Letourneau, he lived in New Bedford for most of his life before moving to Fairhaven 12 years ago.

Mr. Letourneau maintained his own law practice in New Bedford for many years before retiring in 2009. He also served as an Assistant District Attorney in Bristol County from 1974-1978.

He was a graduate of New Bedford High School, Class of 1950 and UMass Amherst, Class of 1954. He attended graduate school at Syracuse University in 1957 and graduated from Boston College Law School in 1961.

During the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Army in Germany. He was a former member of the New Bedford School Committee.

Survivors include his beloved wife; his loving children, Mark P. Letourneau and his wife Michele of Rochester, and Nicole A. Traubel and her husband Will of Dartmouth; a brother, Moe Letourneau of Nokomis, FL; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Lucille Ehling and Paul Letourneau.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date. Visiting hours are omitted. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115, or Community Nurse and Hospice Care, P.O. Box 751, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

**Marjorie C. (Chace) Munro,** 84, of Marion, died November 22, 2011 in the Sippican Healthcare Center, Marion. Her husband of 53 years, Theodore Pierce Munro died last year. She was the daughter of the late Prestin N. and Prudence E. Chace.

She and her husband raised their family in Wellesley Hills before moving to Marion in 1978.

Mrs. Munro was a member of the Kittansett Club and Piney Point Beach Club. She volunteered for many years at Damien's Food Pantry, the Friendship Table at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church and various other local charities. She was a long time member of the First Congregational Church and St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include 2 sons, Douglas M. Munro and his loving companion, Nancy Moore of Marion, Peter A. Munro and his wife Cathy Mayers of Natick. Her daughter, Cynthia C. Beach died in 2004.

Her burial service will be private. Family and friends are invited to gather in honor of Marjorie for a celebration of life at 1 p.m. on Friday, December 9, 2011 at the Kittansett Club, 11 Point Rd., Marion.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sippican Land Trust, 354 Front St., Marion, MA 02738.

Arrangements are by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham. For more info and online guestbook, visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com.

**Leona M. Clarke,** 74, of Buzzards Bay died Friday, November 25, 2011 at Tobey Hospital in Wareham after a brief illness.

Born in Attleboro, she was daughter of the late Fred & Muriel (Rounseville) Clarke and graduated from Attleboro High School.

Ms. Clarke was a bus driver for many years for the Lakeville and Wareham school systems. She was also a bartender at the former Riverview in Marion.

Mrs. Clarke was a member of Swift Memorial United Methodist Church in Sagamore Beach and enjoyed knitting, crocheting and crafts.

She is the loving mother of Laurel (Marshall) Fernandes of Onset, Robin Dawson of Yaphank, NY and Nancy Rafferty of West Springfield, NH; grandmother of Mark Ploettner, Jeremy Dawson, Richard Dawson, Daniel and Douglas Rafferty, Antone Ploettner-Silva and Conrad Fernandes; sister of Kathleen Trebel of GA.

She was predeceased by her daughter, the late Cheryl Silva, her sons' in-law, the late Paul Silva and the late James Dawson and her sisters, the late Grace Stott and the late Irene Clarke.

Services will be private. Donations in her memory may be made to the National Psoriasis Foundation, 6600 SW 92nd Ave., Suite 300, Portland

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more oxygen for humans and homes for animals. I believe this partnership will change the landscape of our communities for the better within just one year."

LCI's tree planting program builds on a 2011 commitment to plant one million trees globally – a commitment that has already been surpassed by 500 percent, with over 5 million trees having already been planted worldwide since July 2011.

"Lions clubs from around the world have been committed to protecting the environment for several decades and we understand that every small effort makes a big difference. That's why we are doing our part to reach our goal of planting a million trees," said King Lion Joe Murray, club president. In addition to the club's upcoming tree planting event, the club conducts a variety of projects including Collection and recycling of used eye glasses and hearing aids. If you would like to assist the local Lions in this tree planting effort contact KL Joe at 774-217-0621 or e-mail lion41753@cs.com.

Lions clubs are groups of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Mattapoisett Lions Club, please contact Don Correia at 508-758-4738 or e-mail drtire@aol.com or visit www.mattapoisett lionsclub.org.

In addition to its efforts toward conquering blindness, Lions Clubs International makes a strong commitment to community service and helping youth throughout the world. It works to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs around the world. It has more than 1.35 million members in 206 countries. To learn more about Lions Clubs International, visit www.lionsclubs.org.

### 50th Tri-County Symphonic Band Season

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# Editor's Pick of the Week

## Cleveland: From White House to Marion and Back

**By Kyle DeCicco-Carey**



*Kyle DeCicco-Carey*

After the Civil War, Marion began to develop in to a summer vacation spot. The railroads connected Marion to Boston and Fall River making the region more accessible in the pre-automobile age. Writers, artists, musicians and anyone else who could afford to spend a summer out of the city could take the Fall River steamboat from New York to Fall River and then hop a train to the sleepy summertime resort in just about a day. Such a trip aroused Marion in August 1887.

During 1887, construction on the Eiffel Tower would begin, the United States leased Pearl Harbor as a naval base, Gottlieb Daimler unveiled his first automobile, Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show opened and President Grover Cleveland was gearing up for a re-election run. He had a busy first term. He created the Interstate Commerce Commission, which was to regulate the railroads and later other "common carriers" such as trucking and telephone companies. This agency would last until 1995.



He was well known for the use of his veto pen, vetoing more bills than any president up to that time including bills providing relief for Civil War veterans and drought stricken farmers in Texas.

At the beginning of his first term, the President was also a bachelor, but he would soon marry. His bride to be was Frances Folsom, a 21-year-old graduate of Wells College. Frances was the daughter of President Cleveland's law partner Oscar Folsom. When Frances was 11, her father was hit by a carriage and killed. Cleveland was appointed her legal guardian (laws at the time did not recognize her mother as her legal guardian).

In 1886, at the age of 49, President Cleveland married his 21-year-old bride. They had a small ceremony in the White House attended by relatives and close friends. Soon, the new First Lady would gain the attention of many and was followed closely by the newspapers.

In 1887, Mrs. Cleveland was invited by the Arctic explorer, Adolphus Greely along with other guests to his summer rental in Marion. Word quickly spread that the first lady was in town. The newspapers wrote extensively on what Mrs. Cleveland wore and followed her movements from church to lectures to lunches. Despite a rainy, gloomy first day in Marion, the First Lady was impressed with all Marion had to offer and decided to return the next summer for vacation.

Before she left for the season, she announced that she would receive visitors at the Greely's. Word spread and on the day of the reception visitors lined the street for a chance to meet the first lady. However, not everyone had to wait in line to meet her. Mrs. Cleveland took a trip to Mattapoisett to meet 98-year-old Keziah Randall who had recently applied for a government pension. Mrs. Randall's husband had served during the War of 1812. When Mrs. Randall received the pension, it was noted that Mrs. Cleveland helped secure the pension after her visit.

Frances Cleveland would return to Marion with her mother the next summer. That fall, President Cleveland lost his re-election bid. Mrs. Cleveland was certain that her husband would do something no other President had done – serve two non-consecutive terms. She told a White House staff member: "you take good care of all the furniture and ornaments in the house, for I want to find everything just as it is now, when we come back again."

The Cleveland's spent their next four summers in Marion. The President spent his time preparing for his re-election… by fishing. He fished regardless of weather and upset the local fish sellers when he gave his catches away for free. His favorite fishing spot became known as Cleveland's Ledge. The Clevelands rented houses at 192 Front Street and 46 Water Street during their stays at Marion. The President loved the house on Water Street so much he wanted to purchase it, but the owner did not want to part with it. He offered to sell it at an inflated price, but the President turned him down.

In 1893, Frances Cleveland's prediction that she would return to the White House with her husband came true and the visits to Marion came to an end. In 1895, when their third child was born, they named her Marion.

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to the stage. Great music, superb musicians and a wonderfully supportive audience is the right combination for this celebratory year. Please come and share in the "Tri-County experience" that has thrilled audiences for over 50 years.

• **December 11**, 2011, "Annual Children's Christmas Concert" – The Annual Children's Christmas Concert, free of charge, is at the Sippican School with the Sippican School Festival Choir under the direction of Patricia Richard and members of choirs from other schools across the region.

• **February 5**, 2012, "Suites and Sweets" – Former Music Director Daniel Lasdow will conduct a concert of suites and other pieces for concert band. Current Music Director and euphonium player Philip Sanborn will be the featured soloist.

• **March 18**, 2012, "German Gems" – Original compositions for band by former Music Director George Dietzler will be framed by transcriptions from the German masters. Violinist Jesse Holstein will be the featured soloist.

• **June 17**, 2012, "Three Generations of Disney" – The 10th Annual Benefit Pops Concert will be held at Tabor Academy, in a grand tent, and highlight the three generations of music from the world of Walt Disney. Ice cream, cupcakes and cappuccino will highlight this festive event.

For more detailed information, please visit: TriCountySymphonicBand.org.

### Elizabeth Taber Library

• **Women Sharing Words** – The Elizabeth Taber Library has carved out a space for writing women. "Traditionally, women have been listeners and readers but not speakers and writers." This is changing.

Once a month, typically the fourth Friday of the month, women are invited to bring their writing, or something that has inspired them, to the Elizabeth Taber Library to read and discuss. (Due to the upcoming holidays, the group will be meeting the third Friday of the










# TriTown Happenings






*The second annual Bulldog Dash took place on Saturday, November 26, 2011. Folks burned off their Thanksgiving leftovers for a good cause – to offset extracurricular activities at ORR. 239 runners participated, making the Dash even bigger than last year. Photos by Felix Perez.*

*Right: Harrison Hughes came in first in the First Grade division of the second annual Bulldog Dash on November 26, 2011. Photo by Felix Perez.*







*Left: Cousins John, John and John win the race at the second annual Bulldog Dash on November 26, 2011. From left to right: John Battaglino came in third in the kindergarten division; his cousin John Butler came in second and their cousin John Paul Lagunowich came in first.*

**These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com**

month: **December 16**).

Plans for the New Year are to have a special event with refreshments and a movie. The group would like it to feature mothers dialoging with their daughters about the advances women have made as a result of the Second Wave of the Women's Liberation Movement. The teapot is on!

### Afterschool with the Marion Museum

The Marion Museum of Natural History announces its Fall 2011 schedule of afterschool programs. All afterschool programs are held from 3:30 to 4:30 pm at the museum. For a registration form, visit www.MarionMuseum.org.

• **December 14** – Nature Crafts with the Marion Natural History Museum. Students will work on projects for gift-giving using materials found outside our front doors. Volunteers to help with crafts would be most welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

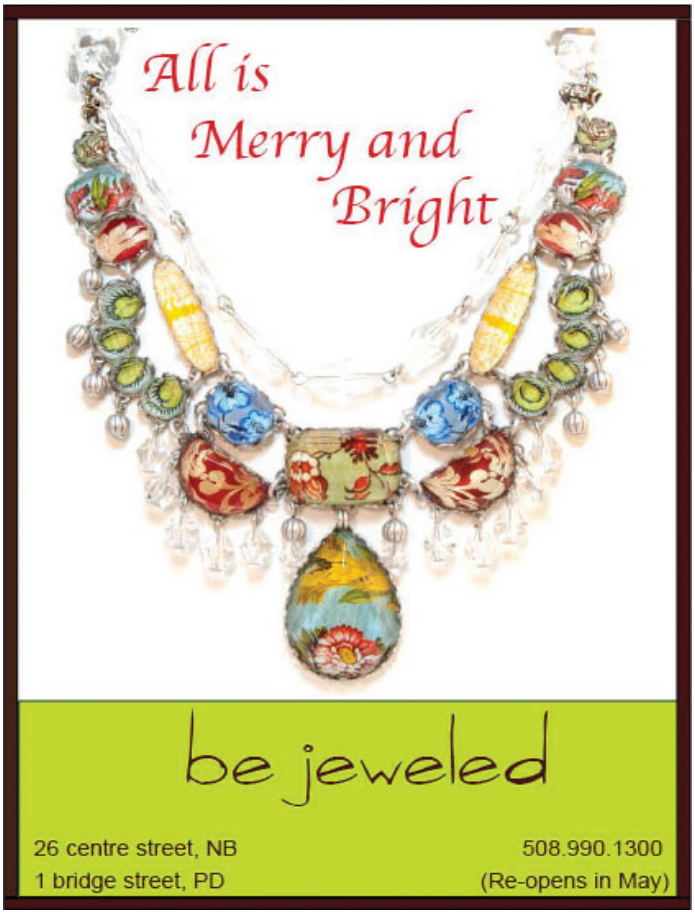
### Fairhaven Old-Time Holiday Weekend

The second weekend in December is the time to visit Fairhaven if you want to feel a sense of old-time holiday spirit as the town celebrates its Old-Time Holiday Weekend. Holiday marketplaces and crafts fairs, a pancake breakfast and book fair, and luncheons among the ways to enjoy the season of good cheer. For children, there are many chances for photographs with Santa or Father Christmas.

A full day of events from morning through late afternoon are scheduled for Saturday, **December 10**, at locations ranging from the historical Henry Huttleston Rogers buildings and churches in the center of town to the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House on Cherry Street at Poverty Point and the Council on Aging at Route 6.

A pancake breakfast will start things off at Rogers School, 100 Pleasant Street, from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Breakfast items will include pancakes, sausage, coffee and orange juice for $5 a plate. There will also be crafts for children to make for a small fee.

A Holiday Marketplace will take place at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street. Local artists and crafters will set up display booths offering a unique collection of holiday goods. Baked goods and holiday greens will also be available. Saint Nicholas will be on hand, too, to greet visitors. Admission to the marketplace is free. It runs from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm,



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*Above: The Knitters at Plumb Library have done it again. Last year, they donated 185 scarves for soldiers. This year, the Rochester knitters made items for children, donating 46 caps for preemies at Charlton Hospital, and 19 pairs of mittens, 40 hats, 23 scarves, one sweater, and one pair of socks for "Gifts to Give" in New Bedford. Photo courtesy of Gail Roberts.*



*Above & Below: The Sippican Woman's Club will present its 25th annual Holiday House Tour and Tea on Saturday, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The tour begins at the club's Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street in Marion. The theme this year is "Tropical Christmas". Tickets are $18 in advance, available in Marion at Serendipity, The Bookstall, and The Marion General Store, and at Isabelle's in The Ropewalk shops on Route 6. On the day of the tour, tickets can be purchased for $22 at the Coldwell Banker Real Estate office, next to Handy's Tavern. Photo courtesy of Susan Mattson.*






*Left: For 30 years, Edward Days, with the help of his son Anthony, decorated the Wayside Shrine at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mattapoisett. The shrine was built by Ray Fleurent who passed away this year. When Edward Days passed away 20 years ago, family continued the tradition for seven years. This past Sunday, in memory of his father and all Knights of Columbus, and with permission, Anthony gathered siblings and grandchildren to continue the tradition once again. Photo courtesy of Susan Mattson.*

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The Unitarian Church will also hold a soup and sandwich luncheon at its Harrop Center building on Center Street from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Hot soup, chowder and a variety of sandwiches will be available.

The Town Hall Shops at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, will be the location where local non-profit and church groups will sell crafts, holiday ornaments, baked goods and other items. The Town Hall will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission is free. The Town Hall Shops event is sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism.

Across town, the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society will be holding an open house at the Capt. William Whitfield house at 11 Cherry Street. The group will be offering tours of the house and will be selling items including origami ornaments and a variety of gift items. Refreshments will be available.

At the Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Ave., youngsters and the young at heart can enjoy cookies and cocoa with Santa Claus. There will also be raffles, wreaths and baked goods. The COA will be open from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The Old-Time Holiday in Fairhaven is sponsored by the participating non-profit, civic and church groups in town, with promotion coordinated by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, which first developed the cooperative event in 1998.

All of December's events in Fairhaven are online at FairhavenEvents.blogspot.com. A handout sheet is also available at the Visitors Center, 43 Center Street, Fairhaven, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and Saturday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. The Office of Tourism telephone number is 508-979-4085, and e-mail is FairhavenTours@aol.com.

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# Movie Review

## Trouble in Paradise

**By Rob Gonsalves**
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***The Descendants.*** **Starring George Clooney and Shailene Woodley. Directed by Alexander Payne. Running time: 115 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

Everything is oddly laid-back in *The Descendants,* an adult and somewhat depressing drama set in Hawaii. George Clooney is Matt King, a soon-to-be widower. His wife Elizabeth, who has been in a speedboat accident, lies in a coma; she is not expected to recover. He discovers that she had been having an affair with a callow realtor (Matthew Lillard). He is also the trustee of thousands of acres of pristine Hawaiian land; he is being subtly pressured to sell to a land developer, because his many cousins would like some money. All of this unfolds against glowing island backdrops. At the beginning, Matt complains in narration that heartbreak can and does happen in "paradise," and indeed it seems almost churlish to give in to despair and anger in such soothing climes.

Matt holds it together, barely. He doesn't understand his two daughters, especially his 17-year-old, Alex (Shailene Woodley). He tries to be strong for them, to be the father he hasn't been lately (he's a busy lawyer). George Clooney has a way here of seeming most authoritative when Matt is at his most baffled and insecure. We never see Matt at ease — we're tossed into his crisis right at the start — and he's always roaming around the islands, looking for answers. There's no enforced conflict in the movie; people *talk,* working their way through awkward moments. Director-cowriter Alexander Payne, working from a novel by Kaui Hart Hemmings, has left the venom of his past films (*Citizen Ruth, Election, About Schmidt, Sideways*) far behind. Payne is generous to everyone here, even the realtor, who gets a scene of sad realization that almost single-handedly redeems Matthew Lillard's past crimes.

The lightness of the surroundings doesn't exactly mock the heaviness of the emotions; Hawaii just seems like the calmest place in the world to have a nervous breakdown, and it helps if you're quite well-off and possibly soon to be even better off. On the evidence, Payne is most comfortable among the moneyed, the better to probe the fissures where their public faces meet their wolf-hour preoccupations. There's a small risk that *The Descendants,* in the current atmosphere, may be dismissed as a melodrama about the problems of the rich. (Matt may not be in the 1%, but he's at least in the 10%.) Usually I sympathize with such charges, but the movie has such a delicate touch in moments like Elizabeth's gruff father (Robert Forster, still great at age 70) speaking gently to his Alzheimer-stricken wife or visiting Elizabeth's bedside that the universality of grief — we all endure it, those clad in silk and denim alike — is strongly underscored.

Along the way, Matt's every advantage is turned against him. His money might have saved his wife; less devotion to his job could have saved his marriage. All that land is just a headache, and bringing up two daughters in paradise guarantees no happiness for them. Deservedly, Shailene Woodley, who just turned 20, is about to become a lot better-known. (She currently stars in the ABC Family show *The Secret Life of the American Teenager,* unwatched by me.) Her Alex is screwed up in some ways, mature beyond her years in others, and Woodley shows us the link between the two. She's the real soul of the film, which otherwise attends to Matt's various crises. *The Descendants* is being marketed, rather misleadingly, as a comedy; the ads are packed with crude humor beats such as the gruff father-in-law decking Alex's oblivious boyfriend, when in fact the punch emerges from genuine rage, the emotion Matt never quite allows himself. Meanwhile, Elizabeth lies unresponsive in her bed, growing more gaunt with each scene, provoking sorrow and anger in roughly equal measure; the film tries to outdo *Last Tango in Paris* with not one but two bitter one-sided deathbed confrontations. (The second is probably unnecessary but gives Judy Greer, as the realtor's wife, some good material for her highlight reel.) Ultimately, the film is about how everyone resolves his or her feelings about this insensate body wasting away in paradise — sort of like a shotgun marriage between Jimmy Buffett and Harry Chapin.

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**• FLAGSHIP CINEMA 8 •**
**39 Doty Street (Rte 58), Wareham, MA**
**Movie Hotline: 508-291-4100**
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Faire will take place on Saturday, **December 3**, 2011, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall at the First Congregational Church, Gibbs Avenue, Wareham. This year's theme "For the Birds" promises to be in keeping with the Garden Club's long tradition of using predominately fresh and dried plant materials to create unique holiday center pieces, decorated wreaths and boxwood table top trees and so much more.

Pretzel birdhouses, ornaments and an assortment of many other handmade holiday decorations will be offered as well. Gardening tools, cook books and gardening books will be on sale as well as unique primitives, a children's white elephant table, homemade baked goods and tins you can fill with "the best cookies found in southeastern Massachusetts".

The Wareham Garden Club is a non-profit organization, founded in 1938. Proceeds from the sale help fund civic beautification projects and a yearly scholarship.

Doors open at 9:00 am. Come early for best selection.

### New Bedford Walking Tours

New Bedford has a long and fascinating history, filled with stories of whalemen going to sea for years a time, wives left to run businesses, escaped slaves seeking freedom, and a connection to the sea that spans centuries. The public is invited to explore this history through free guided tours, offered seven days a week, at 10:30 am and 2:30 pm, leaving from New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's visitor center.

The center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford.

Tours will include "Risks and Rewards of Whaling", "Unknown Heroes and Their Secrets: New Bedford's Underground Railroad", "New Bedford's Working Waterfront: Then and Now", and "Sharing The Same Seas: The Uneasy Relationship Between Humans and Whales".

Jen Nersesian, superintendent of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, said, "Our national park is proud to offer these tours to our public. The stories of whaling are connected to so many people around the world – they are everyone's stories. Our walking tours are just one way we connect visitors to this amazing history. We especially look forward to seeing folks from New Bedford and surrounding towns drop by."

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States. The National Park visitor center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. It is open seven days a week, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and offers information, exhibits, and a free orientation movie every hour on the hour from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The visitor center is accessible to all. Admission is free. For additional information and schedules, go to the park website at www.nps.gov/nebe or call 508-996-4095.

### Marion Council on Aging

• **Z Tickets** – The Marion Council on Aging has discounted tickets to the Zeiterion Theatre. Please call for





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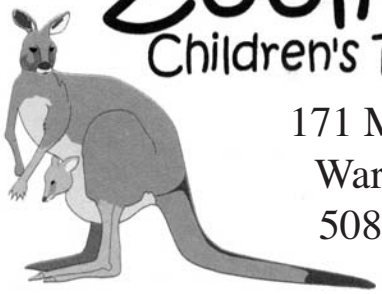
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# Tri-Town Police Logs

## MARION

***Log highlights November 21 - 28***

- Mill St – Suspicious Activity
- Wareham Rd – Building Check
- Piney Point Rd – Car Accident, Injury
- Mill St – Vehicle Complaint
- Edgewater Ln – General Offense
- Front St – Fire Alarm
- Ichabod Ln – Building Check
- Cross Neck Rd – Animal Complaint
- Pine Grove Ln – Larceny in Progress
- Converse Rd – Medical Emergency
- Water St – Burglar Alarm
- Route 195W– Arrest, Traffic Violations
- Spring St – Suspicious Activity
- Barros Dr – Suspicious Vehicle
- Pleasant St – Fire Alarm
- Converse Rd – Welfare Check
- Front St – Burglar Alarm
- Olde Meadow Rd – Abandoned 911
- Wareham Rd – Animal Complaint
- Wareham – EMS Mutual Aid
- Spring St – Lockout
- Wareham Rd – Animal Complaint
- Wareham Rd – Building Check
- Indian Cove Rd – Building Check
- Wareham Rd – Found Property
- Barnabas Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Route 195E – Suspicious Vehicle
- County Rd – Building Check
- Point Rd – Suspicious Person

## MATTAPOISETT

***Log highlights November 21 - 28***

- Long Plain Rd – Domestic Disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd – Vehicle Violations
- Aucoot Rd – Ambulance Request
- Randall Ln – Gunshots Reported
- Main St – Fire Alarm
- Brandt Island Rd – Burglar Alarm
- North St – Suspicious Vehicle
- North St – Civil Complaint
- Crystal Spring Rd – Ambulance Request
- Park St – Disturbance
- Railroad Ave – Parking Violation
- Main St – Trespassing
- Marion Rd – Assault
- Homestead Ct – Vandalism
- North St – Larceny
- Mechanic St – Fire Alarm
- Shady Oak Dr – Complaint
- Dexter Ln – Ambulance Request
- Briar Rd – House Check
- Prince Snow Cir – Fire Alarm
- Country Rd – Fire
- County Rd – Abandoned 911
- North St – Vehicle Violations
- Marion Rd – 911 Call
- County Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- Water St – Burglar Alarm
- North St – Burglar Alarm
- Water St – Parking Violation
- North St – Vehicle Violation

## ROCHESTER

***Log highlights November 21 - 28***

- Stevens Rd – Area Check
- Alley Rd – Area Check
- Dexter Ln – Warrant Arrest
- Snipatuit Rd – Investigation
- High St – Animal Control
- New Bedford Rd – Erratic Operation
- North Ave – Ambulance Request
- Neck Rd – Radar Assignment
- Ryder Rd – Area Check
- Mendell Rd – Larceny
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious Activity
- Alley Rd – Disabled Vehicle
- Mary's Pond Rd – Vehicle Stop
- Neck Rd – Animal Control
- North Ave – Domestic Disturbance
- Rounseville Rd – Building Check
- Walnut Plain Rd – Disturbance
- Benson Rd – Area Check
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal Control
- Cromwell Ln – Abandoned 911
- North Ave – Area Check
- Hartley Rd – Incapacitated Person
- Snow's Pond Rd – Ambulance Request
- Marion Rd – Annoying Phone Calls
- Neck Rd – Vehicle Stop
- High St – Ambulance Request
- Hartley Rd – Building Check
- New Bedford Rd – Vehicle Stop
- Dexter Ln – Vehicle Stop

***For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.***

# Regional Lunch Menus

### COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, **December 5**: Vegetable barley soup, roast chicken, broccoli, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit.
Tuesday, **December 6**: Spanish meatballs, Spanish rice, country blend vegetable, wheat bread, pears.
Wednesday, **December 7**: Shepard's pie, California blend vegetable, multi grain roll, peaches.
Thursday, **December 8**: Roast turkey w/ gravy, cranberry sauce, whipped potato, Winter squash, snowflake roll, key lime pie, diet: cookie.
Friday, **December 9**: Chicken stew w/ vegetables, buttered noodles, dinner roll, arctic ice, diet: fruited jello.

### MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY CENTER

Monday, **December 5**: Hot dog on a bun, oven roasted potato wedges, steamed carrots, choice of fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **December 6**: Beef tacos w/ cheese, lettuce, tomato and salsa, Spanish rice, choice of fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **December 7**: Chicken nuggets w/ assorted dipping sauces, three bean salad, choice of fruit, milk.
Thursday, **December 8**: Appetizer platter w/ homemade dipping sauce, fresh cucumber slices, choice of fruit, milk.
Friday, **December 9**: Pizza, carrots & celery sticks, choice of fruit, milk.

### OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, **December 5**: Hot dog on a bun, oven roasted wedges, steamed carrots, choice of fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **December 6**: Taco salad w/ warm corn chips, cheese, lettuce, tomato and salsa, Spanish rice, choice of fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **December 7**: Chicken nuggets w/ assorted dipping sauces, three bean salad, choice of fruit, milk.
Thursday, **December 8**: Appetizer platter w/ homemade dipping sauce, fresh cucumber slices, choice of fruit, milk.
Friday, **December 9**: Pizza, carrot & celery sticks, choice of fruit, milk.

### OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, **December 5**: Hot dog on a bun, oven roasted potato wedges, steamed carrots, choice of fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **December 6**: Beef chili w/ cheese & warm corn chips, steamed peas, choice of fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **December 7**: Chicken nuggets w/ assorted dipping sauces, three bean salad, choice of fruit, milk.
Thursday, **December 8**: Appetizer platter w/ homemade dipping sauce, fresh cucumber slices, choice of fruit, milk.
Friday, **December 9**: Mini hamburgers or cheeseburgers w/ lettuce & tomato, pasta & veggie salad, choice of fruit, milk.

### ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, **December 5**: Hot dog on a bun, oven roasted potato wedges, steamed carrots, choice of fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **December 6**: Beef chili w/ cheese & warm corn chips, steamed peas, choice of fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **December 7**: Chicken nuggets w/ assorted dipping sauces, three bean salad, choice of fruit, milk.
Thursday, **December 8**: Appetizer platter w/ homemade dipping sauce, fresh cucumber slices, choice of fruit, milk.
Friday, **December 9**: Pizza, carrot & celery sticks, choice of fruit, milk.

### SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION

Monday, **December 5**: Hot dog on a bun, oven roasted potato wedges, steamed carrots, choice of fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **December 6**: Beef tacos w/ cheese, lettuce, tomato and salsa, Spanish rice, choice of fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **December 7**: Chicken nuggets w/ assorted dipping sauces, three bean salad, choice of fruit, milk.
Thursday, **December 8**: Appetizer platter w/ homemade dipping sauce, fresh cucumber slices, choice of fruit, milk.
Friday, **December 9**: Pizza, carrot & celery sticks, choice of fruit, milk.

### OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH

Monday, **December 5**: Nachos w/ taco meat or chili, lettuce, salsa, sour cream, shredded cheese, pears.
Tuesday, **December 6**: Macaroni & cheese, bread stick, green beans, peaches.
Wednesday, **December 7**: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots & turnip, apples slices.
Thursday, **December 8**: Eggs, ham, home fries, strawberries.
Friday, **December 9**: Chicken nuggets, fries, corn on the cob, fruit.

a listing of events and times.

• **YMCA Trips** – The Marion Council on Aging van is currently providing transportation on Tuesdays and Thursdays to the Gleason Family YMCA in Wareham. Call the COA for details: 508-748-3570.

• **Donations Needed** – The council is seeking donations of used eyeglasses for the Lion's Club. A drop box is located outside the office door on Spring Street.

• **Grocery Shopping** – A change in the grocery shopping schedule has occurred. The first and third Wednesday of the month the COA will be providing transportation to the Wareham area, the first and third Wednesdays to Market Basket in New Bedford and the alternate Wednesdays to Price Rite. Pick up begins at 12:45 pm. Passengers must call the office to reserve a spot.

• **Shopping Trips** – The Marion Council on Aging has scheduled the following trips: **December 6** – Christmas Display at Jordan Furniture. All trips will leave at 10:00 am. Lunch is on your own and a free will donation toward the cost of transportation is always appreciated. Please call the office to reserve your spot.

### Hockey Registration

• **Learn to Play** – The Canal Sharks are pleased to announce the registration for the Learn-To-Play hockey program. This program is open to all girls and boys that would like to have a little fun and learn the game. Skaters registering for this program should be able to skate the length of the ice with equipment on and without assistance. All ice time will be at the Gallo Arena in Bourne and will be played on the weekend.

• **House Mite League** – The Canal Sharks are pleased to announce an exciting and newly designed House Mite "Original 6 NHL" Hockey League. This format was designed with fun in mind and the understanding that these young players will develop their skills better in smaller ice games and that both kids and parents want the real team, real game feel. This program is open to boys and girls. Some hockey experience is recommended. Ice time will be held at Gallo Arena on one


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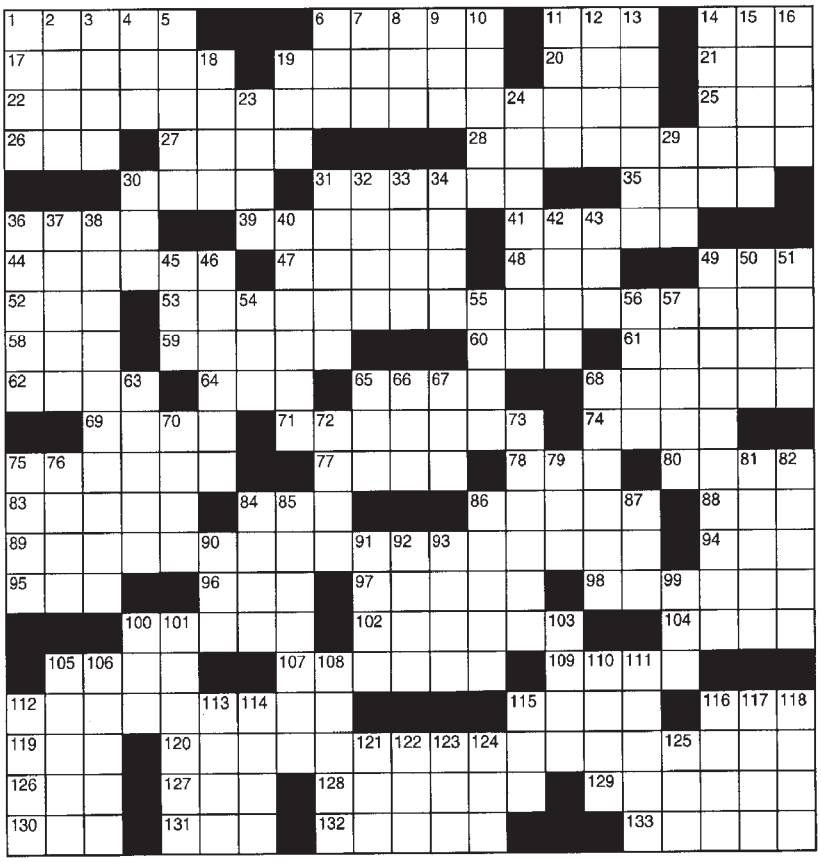
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**ACROSS**

1 Two-legged stand
6 Palindromic pirogue
11 Mortarboard
14 Make a muumuu
17 Genesis peak
19 Salad veggie
20 Be obligated
21 Literary collection
22 FILE FILE
25 Diagnostic instr.
26 Bray beginning
27 Luau entertainment
28 Kind of mushroom
30 — Hari
31 Ecclesiastic
35 Evangelist Roberts
36 Mathematician Khayyam
39 '62 Tommy Roe hit
41 Hard wood
44 Injured party
47 Zeal
48 Drink like a Dandie Dinmont
49 Heredity letters
52 SASE, e.g.
53 STRING STRING
58 Antique auto
59 Disinfectant target
60 Compete
61 Quick-footed
62 Pyramid, e.g.
64 — kwon do
65 Gumbo thickener
68 Stephen King book
69 Brazilian kicker
71 Glowing
74 Congregational comeback
75 The Fresh Prince's place
77 Rope fiber
78 Possessed
80 Goblet part
83 Soporific substance
84 "I — Rock" ('66 song)
86 — cotta
88 Exist
89 TRAIL TRAIL
94 New Deal agcy.
95 City in Kyrgyzstan
96 Baby butter
97 Solitary
98 Priest-to-be
100 Mirella of the Met
102 Trustworthy
104 Hide
105 Geometric calculation
107 Red —
109 Throw a party
112 Fleeting
115 Christmas visitors
116 Slangy suffix
119 Yesterday's your
120 CHAIN CHAIN
126 Cratchit kid
127 Bartok or Peron
128 Irregular
129 I specialist?
130 Humorist George
131 Costa — Sol
132 The Brainy Bunch?
133 Greases the wheels

**DOWN**

1 Fugue composer
2 "Dies —"
3 Unwind a rind
4 Chicago airport abbr.
5 Russian villa
6 Norton or Olin
7 Ginger —
8 Still
9 Word from a Weimaraner
10 Former Japanese capital
11 Musical finale
12 Blew away
13 Non-sexist suffix
14 Pacific islands
15 Register
16 Keen
18 Like some nerves
19 Security grp.
23 Lesage's "Gil —"
24 Rhine siren
29 Attempt
30 Clubber Lang's portrayer
31 — Amboy, NJ
32 General's helper
33 Job opening
34 Biting
36 Public
37 Sal of "Giant"
38 Pull off
40 Novelist Lee
42 Bunyan's ox
43 — -Locka, FL
45 132 Across stats
46 Grumble
49 Contrition
50 Director Mira
51 He's Devine
54 Battery size
55 A Karamazov brother
56 Dire
57 Diamond features
63 Bridges and Brummell
65 Lyric poem
66 Kipling novel
67 Knock
68 Domingo's birthplace
70 Wing or flipper
72 Melville mono-maniac
73 "— a Kind of Hush" ('67 hit)
75 '67 Peter Sellers film, with "The"
76 Homer's field
79 Prepare for combat
81 Comic Leon
82 Had in mind
84 Related
85 Curative
86 Article of faith
87 Bunyan's whacker
90 Tina's ex
91 Actor Bert
92 Crooked
93 Torrid or Frigid
99 Prone
100 Charge
101 Pounded a portcullis
103 Defrost
105 Plant pest
106 Versify
108 It may be platinum
110 Inspect too closely?
111 Castle campaign
112 Singer James
113 Roof edge
114 100 dinars
115 Staff
116 Young of "The Last Detail"
117 — majesty
118 Part of M.A.
121 Chemical ending
122 Ford of football
123 Common appliances
124 Swell place?
125 — degree



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# SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep those sharp Sheep eyes focused on a hazy situation. As things begin to clear up, you'll find a sharper picture emerging, showing something you will need to know.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Watch your expenses through the end of the month. Later, you'll be glad to have extra money to pay for something that will make an acquisitive Bovine's heart beat faster.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're now ready to make that oft-deferred commitment, if you still believe it's what you want. Don't be afraid to change your mind if you feel you should go in another direction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Now that you are moving on with your life after that recent disappointment, how about reactivating your travel plans and taking someone special along with you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Many new friends come into your personal life, which suits all of you social Lions just fine. However, one new friend might make demands that you could find difficult to deal with.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Communication doesn't exist unless it's two-way. So if you're getting no replies to the signals you're sending, it could be time to look for someone more receptive.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A workplace complication that you thought was ironed out develops new wrinkles that need attention. Meanwhile, expect continuing improvement in your home life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A tense personal problem needs to be talked out before someone decides to walk out. Resist making decisions until full explanations are offered from both sides.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A technological glitch that caused problems recently will soon be repaired, and life can return to normal. A colleague has a surprising message to deliver.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your partner might feel that you haven't been as open with him or her as you should be. Deal with this now, before it turns into something more difficult to handle.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Many of the stumbling blocks that affected the progress of some of your career projects are fading away. Things also start to look up on the home front.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You'll need that strong Piscean pluck to get through waters that will be turbulent for a while. A more positive aspect soon emerges, along with some welcome news.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are zealous in the pursuit of truth. You would make an excellent research scientist.

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weekday evening and one weekend morning.

Be sure to visit online for all the details of the programs, including costs and registration.
If you have questions, please call the registrar at 508-536-3528. www.CapeCodCanalYouthHockey.com.

### Laughter at the Hospital

The *Hospital* is just what the doctor ordered for a good laugh on **December 9, 10 and 11**. Bring the whole family to this Marx Brothers-style comedy, put on by the talented youth theatre group of Tina Telli Productions and Buzzards Play Productions.

Guaranteed to keep you in stitches, the *Hospital* showcases an ensemble cast of middle school actors from several Southcoast communities, including Middleboro, Wareham and Bourne. Wareham resident Christina Piscitelli directs this hilarious health-care send up, written by Massachusetts native Tim Kelly, considered one of America's most prolific playwrights with more than 300 plays to his name.

The play will be staged at Buzzards Play Productions, 3065 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham. Show times are Friday, December 9, 2011 and Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 11, 2011 at noon. Tickets are $7 at the door or $5 in advance by calling 508-295 5480.

### Heritage Bricks

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission is offering the people of Mattapoisett an opportunity to purchase Heritage Bricks in honor or memory of family and friends. These inscribed bricks will be installed in one of the town's parks.

The cost of each granite brick will be $50. Each brick may be inscribed with up to 3 lines, each line containing no more than 16 letters including spacing and punctuation.

The commission orders bricks in lots of 15. You will be notified where and when your brick is installed.

For more information contact the Mattapoisett Historical Commission, Town Hall, P.O. Box 435, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF HEALTH
LEGAL NOTICE

The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 4:45 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by Outback Engineering pertaining to the property located at 69 Quails Crossing Rd, further identified as Map 23, Lot 110.

The following variance to Title 5 is requested:
310 CMR 15.405(1)(j): Requesting a local upgrade approval for a reduction in the 12" vertical requirement between the proposed inlet and outlet of the septic tank and pump chamber to the maximum high groundwater table. A 6" separation is being sought.
Marion Board of Health
John B. Howard, M.D., Chairman 11/24, 12/01, 12/08

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TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Marion has recently completed its triennial revaluation as required by State Law. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue has certified both real and personal property preliminary values. Overall, proposed property values experienced a slight decrease in value. These proposed values will be available for review by the public from November 28, 2011 through December 6, 2011 at all of the following locations:
Assessors' Office - Marion Town House - 2 Spring Street

Monday through Thursday 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Friday 8:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
Elizabeth Taber Library, 8 Spring Street, Marion

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Saturday 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Sunday 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
www.marionma.gov – 24 hours a day
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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Assessors' Office at 508-748-3510.
MARION BOARD OF ASSESSORS
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Catherine A. Gibbs, M.A.A. 11/24, 12/01

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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 7:10 PM in the Town House conference room on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D 1467 submitted by JEFFREY and CHERYL FARIA to reconstruct a 13'-4" x 20'-6" Dutch-style storage shed on an existing concrete slab, with stairs at the rear to access the upper-level storage area. The project is located at 53 Oakdale Avenue and is further identified as Lot 15 on Marion Assessors' Map 12. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Sherman E. Briggs, Jr., Chairman 12/01

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TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LEGAL NOTICE
CASE #651

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2011, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of National Sign Corp. (for Hiller Chrysler Dodge) for a Special Permit under section 6.2.6 of the zoning by-law to allow:
1. Ground sign larger than allowed; and
2. Wall signs larger than allowed and greater than number allowed.

The property, located at 635 Mill Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 26 as Lot 35.
Zoning Board of Appeals
Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 12/01, 12/08

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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 7:20 PM in the Town House conference room on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D 1466 submitted by FANNIE MAE to replace a leaking 1500 gallon septic tank at 693 Front Street, further identified as Lot 12 on Marion Assessors' Map 22. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Sherman E. Briggs, Jr., Chairman 12/01

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TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LEGAL NOTICE
CASE #652

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2011, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Tabor Academy for relief from the following action or refusal to act by the Building Inspector:

- The October 11, 2011 denial of a building permit for the installation of three (3) scoreboards at Hoyt Fields, on the ground that said installation "is not in compliance with the requirements of Section 9.1 of the Zoning Bylaw."

The property, located in the vicinity of Spring Street, Ryder Lane and Mill Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 13 as Lots 44 and 46, and on Assessors Map 14 as lots 6 and 9.
Zoning Board of Appeals
Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 12/01, 12/08

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
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Antassawamock Club, Inc. will close its private roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 14, 2011.
Board of Directors
Antassawamock Club, Inc.
Eve Stoebel, Secretary 12/01, 12/08

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a request submitted by Diane L. D'Orlando for Approval of a Repetitive Petition in accordance with MGL Chapter 40A, Section 16.

The Planning Board is requested to find that specific and material changes in conditions upon which the previous unfavorable action by the Zoning Board of Appeals was based have been presented by the Applicant.

The project is located at 52 Pico Beach Road and is further identified as Lot #19 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #6. 12/01, 12/08

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by: Main Brook Realty Trust, Hollywoods Road.

The proposed project is to repair a collapsed culvert in shared driveway. The project is located at 38 Hollywoods Road, and is further identified as Lot 177A on Assessor Map 2.
Conservation Commission 12/01

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Applications to serve are available at the Board of Selectmen office and on the Town of Marion website at http://www.marionma.gov/Pages/index.
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Jonathan F. Henry, Chairman

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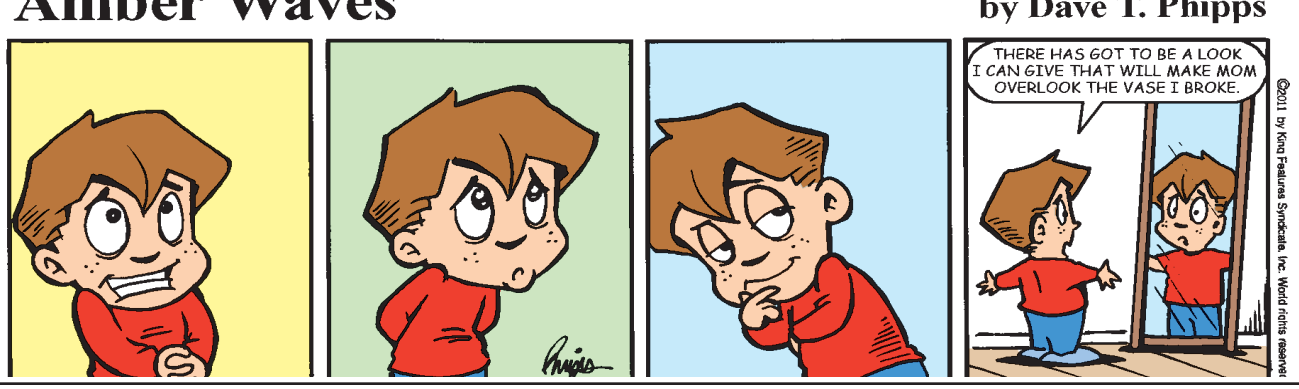
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Any family of a Mattapoisett veteran that would like to honor the veteran on a special date, please call the Mattapoisett Veterans Office at 508-757-4100, ext. 212 for more information.

• **Warning to Veterans from DVA** – A note to veterans: an organization called "Veterans Affairs Services" (VAS) is gathering benefit and general information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) in any way.

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Mattapoisett's Legal Counsel has requested that the Mattapoisett Veteran's Office coordinate with the Department of Defense to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group (VAS) and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by the VA.

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by Linda Thistle

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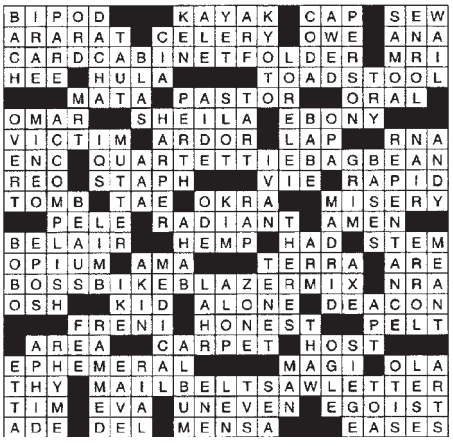
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identification, Mark will identify winter waterfowl and "washed up" marine life. January is a wonderful time of year to walk the coast and observe the effects of wave action on the slope and shape of the beach. This is a very informal outing, and those that simply want to walk are more than welcome.

The program will be held on Sunday, January 1 from 10:00 am to noon and is free to all. Participants should dress warmly and wear hiking boots; binoculars and cameras are recommended as well. Participants will meet at the Gooseberry Neck Parking Lot in Westport. Follow Route 88 south until the very end, turn right and proceed across the causeway to the parking lot. No registration is required. If you have questions about the program, call Mark Mello at 508-990-0505 ext.22. Start the New Year off "on the right foot" by walking the beach and enjoying our unique coastal habitats.

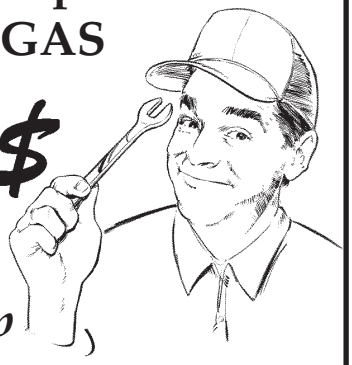
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### Greater New Bedford Internships

Have you thought about hosting an intern, but were unsure about what to do? The Greater New Bedford Connecting Activities Partnership has released an employer's guide to internships titled "Making the Workplace a Learning Place" for local employers who need more information about their program and internships.

Included in the guide are the benefits of hosting an intern, how internships are structured and what to expect, the roles of those involved with the internship, and how to successfully orientate, supervise and evaluate an intern.

Internships are beneficial to employers, students and schools. Giving students the opportunity to expand knowledge gained in the classroom and apply it in a work setting improves our workforce skill level and the overall quality of life in the community.

Staff at the Connecting Activities Partnership have placed over 400 students from Dartmouth High School, Fairhaven High School, Global Learning Charter Public School, New Bedford High School, and Old Rochester High School in internships with approximately 150 local employers during the current academic year.

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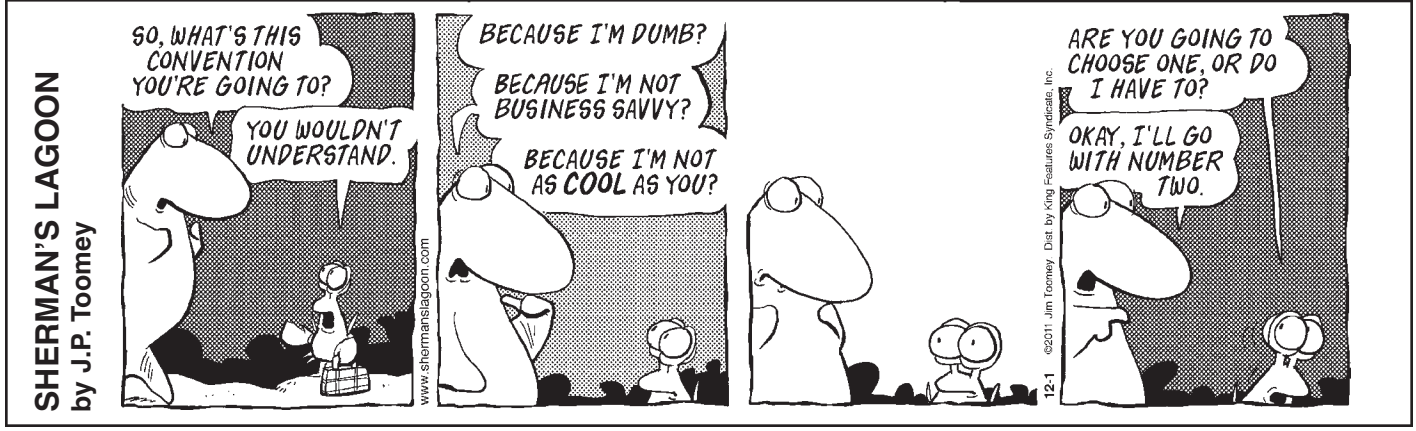
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Southcoast Hospitals Group announces free vascular screenings during the month of December.

Regular vascular screenings can detect peripheral artery disease, or PAD, a potentially serious circulatory problem. The non-invasive screenings are performed by a trained nurse and take approximately 20 minutes. Patients should arrive 15 minutes prior to screening time.

The free vascular screenings are open to both men and women. Appointments are required and can be requested by calling the numbers listed below. Space is limited and appointments will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. No walk-ins will be accepted on screening days.

The screening details are as follows:

• Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care, 206 Mill Road, Fairhaven on Thursday, **December 1**. Appointments will be scheduled between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

• Southcoast Health System at Rosebrook, 100 Rosebrook Way, Wareham on Monday, **December 5**. Appointments will be scheduled between 8:30 am and 4 pm.

• Taber Mills Apartments, 217 Dean Street, New Bedford, on Thursday, **December 8**. Appointments will be scheduled between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

• Southcoast Center for Women's Health, 300B Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth, on Wednesday, **December 14**. Appointments will be scheduled between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

• Seekonk Human Services, 320 Pleasant Street, Seekonk, on Wednesday, **December 21**. Appointments will be scheduled between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

• Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, 874 Purchase Street, New Bedford on Thursday, **December 22**. Appointments will be scheduled between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

• Southcoast Center for Women's Health, 300B Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth, on Wednesday, **December 28**. Appointments will be scheduled between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

• Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care, 206 Mill Road, Fairhaven on Thursday, **December 29**. Appointments will be scheduled between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

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| December 2: | Fri. | 1:07 | 1:33 | 6:50 | 7:15 |
| December 3: | Sat. | 2:01 | 2:28 | 8:38 | 8:10 |
| December 4: | Sun. | 2:56 | 3:23 | 9:33 | 8:56 |
| December 5: | Mon. | 3:50 | 4:15 | 10:13 | 9:38 |
| December 6: | Tues. | 4:41 | 5:03 | 10:49 | 10:19 |
| December 7: | Wed. | 5:26 | 5:46 | 11:27 | 11:00 |
| December 8: | Thurs. | 6:06 | 6:26 | 11:59 | 11:41 |
| December 9: | Fri. | 6:43 | 7:05 | . . . | 12:47 |
| December 10: | Sat. | 7:19 | 7:44 | 12:22 | 1:28 |
| December 11: | Sun. | 7:56 | 8:24 | 1:04 | 2:07 |
| December 12: | Mon. | 8:35 | 9:06 | 1:44 | 2:43 |
| December 13: | Tues. | 9:17 | 9:51 | 2:25 | 3:18 |
| December 14: | Wed. | 10:03 | 10:39 | 3:07 | 3:54 |
| December 15: | Thurs. | 10:52 | 11:30 | 3:52 | 4:32 |
| December 16: | Fri. | 11:45 | . . . | 4:42 | 5:17 |
| December 17: | Sat. | 12:22 | 12:39 | 5:42 | 6:12 |
| December 18: | Sun. | 1:18 | 1:37 | 6:56 | 7:16 |

| Phases of the Moon | | |
|---|---|---|
| | **First Quarter** | December 2nd |
| | **Full Moon** | December 10th |
| | **Last Quarter** | December 18th |
| | **New Moon** | December 24th |



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**To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark***

**In the November 24, 2011 issue the Aardvark was on page 32!**

**off the mark** by Mark Parisi


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